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Makarios is given Britain's last word on the bases —Government will refuse to yield an inch

CYPRUS SHOWDOWN

Cabinet ready to face new Eoka terror

by KENNETH AMES

BRITAIN will refuse to yield even an inch in the wrangle over the size of the military bases to be retained in Cyprus.

So strongly does the Cabinet feel that it is prepared to face a renewal of the terror campaign rather than meet the demands of Archbishop Makarios that the military enclave be reduced.

That, I learned from high Government sources this week-end, is Britain's final, unalterable decision.

And until Makarios accepts it the Government does not intend to withdraw any more troops from the island.

Orders for the rundown of the garrison from its present 25,000 to the final figure—somewhere between 10,000 and 15,000 men—have been countermanded.

If Makarios uses the British decision to inflame Cypriot opinion, the Government is prepared to have the barbed wire barricades put up again, and to arm convoys against terrorist attacks.

When Mr. Julian Amery, Colonial Under-Secretary, returned last week from talks with Makarios and the Turkish leader, Dr. Kutchuk, Britain had already made it clear that there could be no question of any new offer.

The minimum

Mr. Amery put it like this—"I have been into the question of the area several times with our experts and I frankly cannot accept a reduction of the size of sovereign base areas below 120 square miles."

Behind the British determination not to be blackmailed into further concessions are two factors:—

1. **PRESTIGE**: The Government believes that weakness would have disastrous results on Britain's relations with her few remaining allies in the Middle East.

Turkey, Libya, the Lebanon, and the oil-rich sheikdoms of the Persian Gulf would all interpret any such move as an abdication of British authority in the Middle East.

The future of British bases in Jordan and Libya would be jeopardised. And the way would be opened for Russia to extend her influence in the whole area.

2. **MILITARY SECURITY**: There have been suggestions that a Cyprus base would be of little value. That view is not shared by the Government's military advisers. They urge that an adequate foothold in Cyprus is of the highest strategic importance.

I was told: "The military experts have always said that Cyprus is the ideal base for the Middle East—better by far than the Suez Canal Zone—and they still think that way."

Arms cargoes

How far will Makarios go in his efforts to get further concessions?

Whitehall believes that he would not let the chance of a settlement for the island slip out of his grasp over this issue.

There are two considerations which might finally lead him towards moderation.

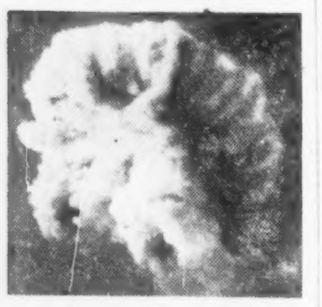
First, the knowledge that the Turkish Cypriots have recently received clandestine shipments of arms. In any fresh outbreak of violence, Eoka would not have it all their own way.

Second, the value to the sagging Cyprus economy of the permanent British garrison of between 10,000 and 15,000 men.

Quiet week-end for Sir Winston

Sir Winston Churchill, just back after a month in Southern France, is spending the week-end at Chartwell, his home in Kent. His secretary said last night: "Sir Winston is in very good health, but he is taking things quietly and will not go out into the grounds unless the weather improves."

De GAULLE LETS OFF HIS BOMB



Ghana freezes French assets

FRANCE exploded her first atomic bomb yesterday—and the big bang in the Sahara brought swift reaction from Ghana.

Prime Minister Nkrumah announced that "as a first step" his Government would freeze the assets of all French firms in Ghana (estimated at £5,000,000) "until we know the effects on our population of this explosion and future French experiments."

Dr. Nkrumah added: "I appeal to the people of Ghana to remain calm. My Government will take any further action which may become necessary."

THE BOMB was exploded from the top of a 300ft. steel tower near Reggan in the heart of the Sahara.

A communique said weather conditions were "very favourable" and "the safety of the populations of the Sahara and of neighbouring countries was completely assured."

The bomb was reported to be a bulky, 10-ton device with a force of slightly under 100,000 tons of conventional explosive—or about five times the power of the American bomb which devastated Hiroshima in 1945.

Besides Ghana, critical reaction came from

RUSSIA. A statement from the Kremlin said:—

"If the French explosions continue, the Soviet Government will draw the relevant conclusions in order to guarantee the security of their country.

"France's action in disregarding a UNO resolution—calling on her to refrain from the bomb test—cannot but be deplored."

IN WASHINGTON, U.S. officials said that for the time being France would be denied the atomic know-how and equipment which America gives to Britain.

The officials pointed out that American law permits nuclear information to be shared only with friendly countries which have achieved considerable atomic progress on their own. France did not fulfil that requirement.

IN PARIS M. Pierre Messmer, the Defence Minister, said: "We will continue to work to give France a striking force of nuclear warheads and the means to deliver them."

200 SOS calls in snow chaos, then—

M1 SKID IN SLUSH KILLS DRIVER

Sunday Express Reporters

SNOW, slush, and sleet brought chaos to the roads yesterday — and death to M1.

A motorist was killed when his car skidded in the slush on the motorway last night and crashed into a bridge a mile north of Collingtree, Northants.

He was thrown out of the car—an Austin Healey, travelling towards Birmingham.

In the wreckage police found two tickets for the England-Ireland Rugby international at Twickenham yesterday afternoon. Early today the driver had still not been identified.

The control centre on M1 dealt with one breakdown call every three or four minutes. Two hundred calls from cars on the motorway had been received by the evening.

Cars skidded, became stuck, or turned over. Engines stopped because of ignition trouble.

The motorway was a long white ribbon. The distinctions between the traffic lanes were obscured and the worst stretch was the 20 miles between Pepperstock and Newport Pagnell, where snow lay as deep as 10 inches.

Dynamite?

Snow fell in parts of London shortly before midnight.

The forecast for the London area today is that sleet and rain will probably be followed by more snow.

In the North 100 snowploughs cleared most main roads yesterday. But the Snake Pass between Manchester and Sheffield stayed impassable. Dynamite may be used to try to free it today.

It was just as bad in the South. There were six-inch drifts on some country roads and many cars were abandoned.

Several Exmoor villages were cut off until snowploughs cleared the roads.

Flights off

Snow and ice at Dublin Airport caused cancellation of London flights. Irish Rugby supporters missed the game at Twickenham.

Sleet and rain caused the Thames to overflow between Teddington and Hammersmith.

Fog cut visibility to between 10 and 50 yards last night on the Guildford-Farnham road. Visibility between Camberley and Bagshot was from 50 to 100 yards and motorists were warned of the twin hazard of frozen roads and fog in Surrey.

COLDEST SPOT: The Scottish Highlands. The temperature dropped to zero—32 degrees of frost.

BRIGHT SPOT: Penzance, Cornwall, where 7.8 hours of sunshine and temperatures of up to 42 degrees sent week-end gardeners out digging in their shirtsleeves.

Test-row umpire is picked again

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Saturday.—The West Indies umpiring board has invited Lee Kow, the Trinidad umpire and central figure in the bottle-throwing incidents of the Second Test, to stand in the Third Test on Wednesday.

Soviet loan to Castro

HAVANA, Saturday. — Russia today signed a pact with Fidel Castro's Cuban regime. She will buy 5,000,000 tons of Cuban sugar in five years and give the Cuban Government a credit of £35,000,000 to be repaid in 12 years.

'Free Kenyatta' call

Moscow radio broadcast a demand last night for the release of Jomo Kenyatta, "imprisoned for seven years." Kenyatta is in exile in Kenya after serving five years for managing Mau-Mau.—Reuter.

ANNE GOES OFF TO GYM

PICTURE BY SUNDAY EXPRESS PHOTOGRAPHER REGINALD BURKETT

THROUGH the sleet and rain Princess Anne leaves Buckingham Palace to drive to her gymnasium class in Sloane-square. She stayed there for just over 35 minutes.

The Queen and the Princess have been spending some of their time in the royal mews. For more than an hour on Friday they inspected all the horses there, and also spent some time watching shoes being made for the horses.

Princess Anne was the only member of the Royal Family to leave the Palace yesterday. The Queen, who is awaiting the birth of her child, stayed in with Prince Philip.

A Palace spokesman said last night that the Queen expects her baby between Tuesday and Thursday this week.

Mr. John Peel, the gynaecologist who will deliver the baby, is staying in London over the week-end. Sister Helen Rowe, the midwife, is also ready for a call to the Palace.

Gaitskell hits back at his critics

from ALAN WATKINS: Nottingham, Saturday

MR. HUGH GAITSKELL today confounded all expectations that he might begin to soft-pedal his demand for the Labour Party to alter its nationalisation doctrine. He slapped down the argument put forward this week by Mr. Harold Wilson that the proposal to amend the nationalisation clause in the party's constitution was an unnecessary quibble over words.

Mr. Gaitskell was speaking at a conference of the East Midland Regional Labour Party—the first of a series of regional meetings he is to attend. The manner in which he spoke made it clear he regards this as the biggest fight of his career.

Normally regional meetings are closed to the Press. But Mr Gaitskell—who spent an hour and a half polishing his speech this morning—considered it of so great importance that reporters were admitted.

Without mentioning his critics by name, Mr. Gaitskell picked them off one by one.

1 Mr. Wilson (who said in a speech on Wednesday that the Labour Party should concentrate on policy instead of a "theological argument.").

Mr. Gaitskell said: "It has been said that we should not get involved in a 'theological' argument because it merely gives rise to fruitless discussion without really mattering at all.

Out of date

"For my part I cannot agree that the constitution is, or should be, a collection of meaningless phrases about which it is fruitless to argue. The statement of our aims does matter. It is not mere theology.

2 Mr. Richard Crossman (who once put the view that the Labour Party constitution was out of date).

Mr. Gaitskell said: "I have been surprised by the attitude of those who say in private that the constitution is hopelessly out of date and they don't really believe in it, but in public they urge us not to touch it because to do so might be controversial."

3 Mr. Michael Foot and his Tribune colleagues.

Mr. Gaitskell said: "I am not concerned with the small, professional, anti-leadership group—the self-appointed opposition to those elected in the party to responsible positions.

"They have become more and more conservative, looking back all the time, more and more fundamentalist and at the same time more and more remote from ordinary people. They make plenty of noise, but it is chiefly sound and fury."

MARPLES REFUSES DRINK PLEDGE

MR. ERNEST MARPLES, the Transport Minister, has turned down an invitation to join a society whose members sign a pledge not to drink when driving. The invitation was sent by "The Association of Pledged Motorists" based in Gateshead.

A hundred and sixty people, including Labour M.P.s Mrs. Harriet Slater and Mr. Harry Randall, paid 10s. to join.

A letter from Mr. Marples's secretary to the Rev. William Thompson, secretary of the association said: "The Minister feels it would not be appropriate for him to consider complying with your request.

"His doing so would necessarily be a personal action but it is not practicable for a Minister of the Crown to keep his personal position entirely separate from the post he holds.

"But he wishes your movement all success."

The pledge which Mr. Marples was asked to sign reads: *"Appalled at the thought that my negligence as a driver could cause the death of another human being, I solemnly promise that I will not take alcoholic drink when driving, either immediately before or during a journey."*

Death at the match

Mr. H. Robson Roberts, vice-chairman of Liverpool Football Club, died at Plymouth yesterday during his club's match with Plymouth Argyle.

Chessman loses his 14th plea

WASHINGTON, Saturday.—Caryl Chessman, the convict author who has been in Death Row in California's San Quentin jail for nearly 12 years, today failed in his 14th appeal. Now he is due to die in the gas chamber on Friday.

He was sentenced in 1948 for kidnapping, robbery, and rape.

Today Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black denied him a further stay of execution so he could make another appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

But another appeal has gone to the U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco and three judges will consider it on Monday. And more direct appeals will go to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Chessman, who is 38, has written three books. The most famous was his first, "Cell 2455, Death Row." The books brought him more than £72,000—and an income-tax demand.

New ballot row in the E.T.U.

Sunday Express Reporter

A NEW election row broke out yesterday in the Communist-dominated Electrical Trades Union.

Seven hundred branch secretaries should have received by yesterday ballot papers for the election to the key post of National Officer.

Nothing arrived — so the branch secretaries are not being allowed the statutory six clear weeks to prepare for the election.

For five years

The only communication sent last week by headquarters to the secretaries was a letter from the Communist president, Mr. Frank Foulkes, threatening to suspend elections because of "interference" in union affairs.

The contest for National Officer is between the present holder, Mr. Gustav Cole, a Communist from Liverpool, and Mr. William T. Sullivan, of Dagenham, well known in the union as a vigorous anti-Communist.

Cole was first elected in 1945 and re-elected at five-year intervals. The present election is for another five years.

Protests were strong yesterday in the branches about the non-arrival of the ballot papers. In the past rules have been rigidly enforced during elections.

Branch results have been disallowed because they arrived on the second post instead of the first post on the final day for returns.

NEXT ROUND in the rebels' battle with the executive is the election of the assistant-general secretary. Nominations go in next month. The present holder is Communist Mr. Robert MacLennan.

Tories to quiz Premier on Kenya, rail pay

Sunday Express Political Correspondent

TROUBLE over his African policy and the rail strike peace terms faces Mr. Macmillan when he returns to the House of Commons this week.

ON AFRICA, many Tory M.P.s fear that the Government may be moving too far and too fast towards independence, particularly over Kenya. They are worried about the fate of white settlers.

M.P.s are also saying that Lord Salisbury may make a return to controversial politics with an attack on Mr. Macmillan's liberal African policy.

ON THE RAILWAYS, Tory backbenchers are suggesting that the settlement was a "surrender." They feel that in giving way to the N.U.R.'s demand for an immediate rise, they have opened the way to pressure from other nationalised industries. This, in turn, could bring demands for extra Government subsidies.

Bigger subsidies?

The rebellious M.P.s say that if the final figure awarded to the railwaymen is 10 per cent—the expected rise—Sir Brian Robertson would have to ask for another advance in the late summer.

"That is when the real row will come," Mr. Gerald Nabarro told me last night.

"It is all very well to say that everything will be fine on Monday morning—but not so funny in a few months time when the season ticket rates go up again."

It seems certain that Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, the ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer, will take this opportunity to make a detailed and far-reaching criticism of the Government's policy towards the unions.

Latest news

HOLED SHIP SENDS SOS

HONOLULU, Saturday.—The Japanese training ship Toyama Maru, with a crew of 49, today sent an SOS after springing a leak 950 miles south-west of Honolulu. Ships are going to her aid.—A.P.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Rain, sleet or snow; cold
Outlook: No change.

Weather and temperatures at noon yesterday: ★Algiers fine, 63; ★Amsterdam cloudy, 36; ★Athens cloudy, 63; ★Barcelona sunny, 55; ★Berlin cloudy, 34; ★Biarritz cloudy, 46; ★Brussels cloudy, 39; ★Budapest fine, 50; ★Copenhagen snow, 27; ★Florence rain, 45; ★Guernsey cloudy, 41; ★Geneva fine, 39; ★Gibraltar cloudy, 58; ★Lisbon showery, 54; ★London rain, 37; ★Madrid cloudy, 45; ★Malta fine, 60; ★Majorca fine, 61; ★Moscow snow, 18; ★Nice sunny, 55; ★Oslo sunny, 19; ★Paris rain, 37; ★Rome cloudy, 57; ★Stockholm sunny, 21; ★Venice rain, 43; ★Vienna fine, 45; ★Warsaw cloudy, 36; ★Zurich cloudy, 37; ★Birmingham snow, 32; ★Dublin cloudy, 37; ★Edinburgh sunny, 34; ★Manchester sunny, 36; ★Jersey cloudy, 41; ★New York cloudy, 27.

History on the razor-edge... how one man crushed the hopes of millions...

The day Goebbels smashed the plot to kill Hitler

THE MORALE BOOSTER *One of the last pictures of Goebbels. On every front the Allied armies are closing in on Germany, but one small counter-attack has recaptured a village from the Russians. Goebbels makes this the occasion for a parade and a congratulatory harangue.*

● Even though Hitler was only injured by the bomb meant to kill him, the huge conspiracy for ending his régime moved into action—until the intervention of a little man with a twisted foot and a twisted mind. Joseph Goebbels imposed his iron will even on those sent to arrest him.

THE DEVIL'S DOCTOR PART FOUR

by **ROGER MANVELL and HEINRICH FRAENKEL**

FOR seven weeks the British and American armies had been edging forward in the bitter battles on the perimeter of the invasion bridgehead. After a mighty clash with the German armour, the British and Canadians had taken Caen. The big breakout was imminent.

In the east, the Russian spearheads drove ever deeper into Poland. From every direction defeat stared at Germany.

Against this sombre background, on July 20, 1944, Hitler called a staff conference at his headquarters at Rastenburg in East Prussia.

It was a big conference to review every phase of the war. Mussolini was invited—as a visitor.

Among the less senior officers summoned to Rastenburg was a one-armed colonel named Count von Stauffenberg. He held no field command. He was chief of staff in the Home Forces.

When he arrived at Rastenburg he found that the concrete bunker normally used for such conferences was under repair. Instead, the meeting was to be held in a wooden guest house. It was to prove a significant change.

Time-bomb

VON STAUFFENBERG carried a brief-case. There was nothing astonishing in that. Indeed, he would have been conspicuous without one.

This brief-case he put under the conference table used by Hitler. Then he excused himself on the pretext of making an urgent telephone call. In the brief-case was a time-bomb.

For a few moments von Stauffenberg waited a short distance from the guest house.

Then he heard an explosion. There was panic and confusion. But von Stauffenberg coolly undertook his next task.

This was to make a priority phone call to the War Office in Berlin.

The news he gave was: **"HITLER IS DEAD."**

That was the message for which a group of generals in Berlin had been waiting.

At once they set in motion their long-laid plans.

On the pretext that a rising of the foreign slave workers in Berlin had suddenly become imminent, they ordered the Berlin Guards Battalion to occupy the central area of the capital, including the Government offices—and Dr. Joseph Goebbels's Ministry of Propaganda.

Major Remer, the commander of the battalion, was puzzled. He could see no sign of any uprising. But he obeyed orders. He put his men at the disposal of the generals.

So far, to the plotters in Berlin, it seemed their plan was moving along without hitch. But they were soon disillusioned.

Von Stauffenberg had been much too precipitate in his "Hitler is dead" message.

Hitler was not dead. He had staggered out of the shattered guest house dazed, shocked, and bruised, his eardrums pierced, his right arm partly paralysed.

The explosion in the wooden guest house had been less lethal than if it had been in the confined, rigid concrete bunker. That simple change of place changed the history of the war by helping Hitler to survive.

Rage

AT first he thought there had been an air raid. He pointed out to Mussolini the miraculous nature of his escape, which he took to be one more sign from Providence that he was intended to succeed in his plan to control Europe.

Mussolini agreed it was a sign from Heaven itself.

Then the true nature of the explosion became apparent to Hitler. He raged uncontrollably for half an hour, shouting for vengeance on all who had opposed him.

Hitler's escape was not the only thing that went wrong.

The plotters had arranged for a confederate at Rastenburg to destroy communications between Hitler's headquarters and Berlin.

But this man failed. And calls poured into Berlin from Hitler's staff countering all rumours of Hitler's death and cancelling any orders which were not authorised by Himmler, who was in charge of security on the home front. The conspirators learned too late that their plot was abortive.

Into action

ALREADY they had gone beyond the point of no-return.

Major Remer's men, among others, were taking up the positions allotted to them in Berlin. The story of what happened then has been told in some detail by Rudolf Semmler, one of Goebbels's Press officers.

Semmler had noticed how abnormally pale and nervous Goebbels had been at lunch, which was served as usual at two o'clock in his official house in the Hermann Goering Strasse.

At that time, as he revealed later, Goebbels had news only of the explosion, followed after an agonising period by the bare fact that Hitler had narrowly escaped death.

With this on his mind, Goebbels waited anxiously at home for further details. Semmler had gone off duty after lunch, catching his train home without difficulty since he avoided by an hour or so the arrival of Major Remer and the Guards to seal off the Government area.

Warning

LIEUTENANT HAGEN, a convinced National Socialist and a junior officer attached to the Berlin Guards Regiment, first heard the rumour of Hitler's death during the afternoon, together with the news that the Guards Regiment was to occupy the Government quarter.

He was ultimately the man responsible for warning Goebbels that suspicious activities were taking place. He was something more than a mere lieutenant. He was a scholar and a music critic serving on Goebbels's favourite journal Das Reich. He was on friendly terms both with Goebbels and with Major Remer.

At first he had accepted the orders of the conspirators at the Ministry of War in good faith.

But both to him and his commander, Remer, this operation, for which the code name was Valkyrie, soon ceased to make sense. There was still not the slightest sign of any uprising by the slave labourers.

Their suspicions were finally roused when they saw Field-Marshal von Brauchitsch, who was supposed to be living in retirement after being dismissed by Hitler, drive to the War Office in full uniform.

Hagen now admits that he had *ein ungutes Gefühl*, a queer feeling, and when the order came through for the operation to be put in force, Remer ordered him to go to Goebbels and make official inquiries, since he was the only senior Minister present in Berlin that afternoon as well as being gauleiter for the city.

'Nonsense!'

HAGEN went to Goebbels's house forthwith; there he was detained for a few minutes by the officer on duty in Goebbels's ante-room, on account of there being a "Fuehrerblitz" on (that is, a top priority phone call to Hitler's headquarters). Finally he was taken in to the Minister. Goebbels seemed quite calm.

"Well, Dr. Hagen, what can I do for you?" he said.

Hagen explained the terms of the order for putting Valkyrie into operation.

Goebbels interrupted him at the point when the outcome of the attempt on Hitler's life was described as still uncertain.

"This is nonsense," he said. "The Fuehrer is alive. I was speaking to him only two minutes ago. There has been an attempt on his life, but by a miracle he escaped. The orders make no sense at all."

Hagen looked out of the window and then turned back to Goebbels.

"Herr Minister," he said, "at this moment a section of my regiment is going into action. I suggest we send at once for my commander."

Priority call

GOEBBELS remained calm, and sat at his desk making notes of their conversation. He then put a telephone call through to the commander of the Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler (the L.A.H.) which was Hitler's own bodyguard stationed at Lichterfelde, a suburb a few miles from the Government district.

In his capacity as gauleiter of Berlin Goebbels ordered the commander to mobilise his men and stand by for orders coming only from himself personally.

He invited Hagen to listen in to his conversation with the commander through an extension to his telephone. When he had replaced the receiver, Goebbels turned to Hagen.

"As you have heard, I have mobilised the L.A.H.," he said, "but not called them out. I want to avoid as far as possible any danger of the army and the S.S. facing one another in arms. Now go and ask your commander to come and see me."

A revolver

AT the door he gripped Hagen by the arm. "Is Remer a safe man?" he asked.

"Herr Minister, I could vouch for him with my life."

"Very well, then," continued Goebbels. "Go and fetch him and tell him if he is not here inside 20 minutes I'll put the L.A.H. into action, since I shall by then assume he is being held at the War Office by force."

For the moment Goebbels did not know what immediate action to take. He was told that a lieutenant and three men had come with orders to arrest him from the commandant of the Berlin garrison.

He opened the drawer of his desk, took out a revolver that he kept there, and ordered their admission. At the same time he saw to it that the door of his room leading to the office of his adjutant was left open so that whatever was said could be overheard.

When the lieutenant arrived, he found Goebbels in a formidable mood. The Minister shouted at him that he was obeying the orders of traitors, and that the Fuehrer was alive.

The lieutenant, abashed at this news, withdrew. Hagen, meanwhile, had reported his conversation with Goebbels to Major Remer, who at once went himself to Goebbels's residence.

He declared that he realised now his orders had come from traitors and that he unreservedly placed himself at Goebbels's disposal.

He removed the cordon from the Government quarter and assembled his unit of 500 men **in the garden of Goebbels's house.**

Goebbels then went down and harangued them for 10 minutes on the importance of loyalty at such a time as this.

Goebbels returned to the telephone, taking Remer with him. The major then had the honour of speaking to his Feuhrer in person. Hitler ordered him to take what action was necessary to maintain security, commended him for his loyalty, promoted him a colonel on the spot, and then gave him supreme command for one day over all ranks in Berlin.

Remer then left with his men to arrest the leaders of the conspiracy at the Ministry of War in the Bendlerstrasse and to secure the radio centre from their interference.

Arrested

GOEBBELS immediately took control. He turned his house into what Semmler described as "a prison, headquarters, and court rolled into one."

He was joined about eight o'clock by Himmler, who was fresh from Rastenburg, and a commission of investigation was set up forthwith under the chairmanship of Goebbels.

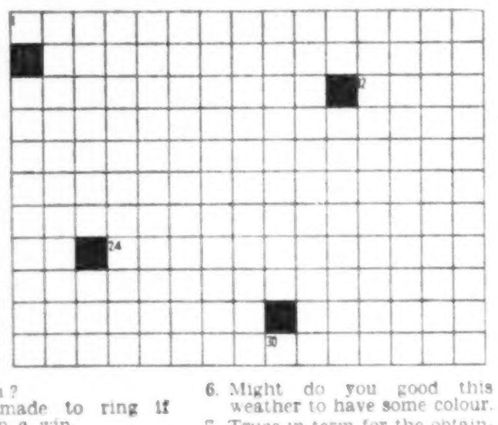
One by one the generals and others (among them Fromm,

● **This series has been adapted from *Dr. Goebbels* by Roger Manvell and Heinrich Fraenkel, to be published by William Heinemann (30s.).**

THE SKELETON

IN the Skeleton Crossword the black squares and clue numbers have to be filled in as well as the words. Four black squares and four clue numbers have been inserted to give you a start. The black squares form a symmetrical pattern; the top half matches the bottom half and the two sides correspond. So you can fill in 12 more squares at once to correspond with those given.

Solution next week



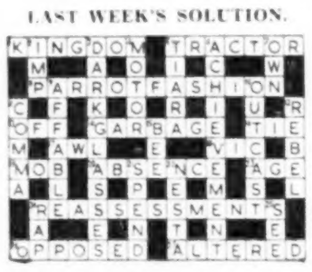
ACROSS

1. Quiet sister upset as you won't stop.
5. Came in a group to find me in the grass.
10. Used by the intelligent bread-winner?
11. U.S. politician after the nudist vote?
12. Shoulder-piece for an angry young man?
13. May be made to ring if included in a win.
14. Rise to indicate the American statesman is finished.
15. Absolutely gone!
16. Not pleased with the pay I get for decapitating an outlaw?
17. Being entertained with a morning off isn't new.
19. Criticise the choice of fish?
21. May be repeated before a knockdown.
22. River trial.
24. Get this and you'll lack conviction.
25. Old manifestation of spirit.
26. Points of vulgar support.
27. Make a contribution towards loose living?
28. Not the morning tide — and that's flat!
29. One may be taken into it in an arresting manner.
30. Just a moment—now!

DOWN

2. Run like a girl who's lost her pen.
3. No danger of not having the down payment here.
4. For the relief of shipwrecked sailors?
6. Might do you good this weather to have some colour.
7. Truce in term for the obtaining of the necessary soldiers.
8. He's not at home with the team in the beginning of an election.
9. Carry on arguing like a former Irishman?
15. Medico? Not half!
18. The whole point of the polka?
20. French leave?
23. He's in the money in Japan owing to brightness.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION.



To help you

If you are worried about worrying—if you are irritable, listless, unable to sleep—tell yourself this. To worry is perfectly normal: worry is what makes people tick. It is only when worry is *not translated into action* that it becomes disastrous to health and ruinous to success.

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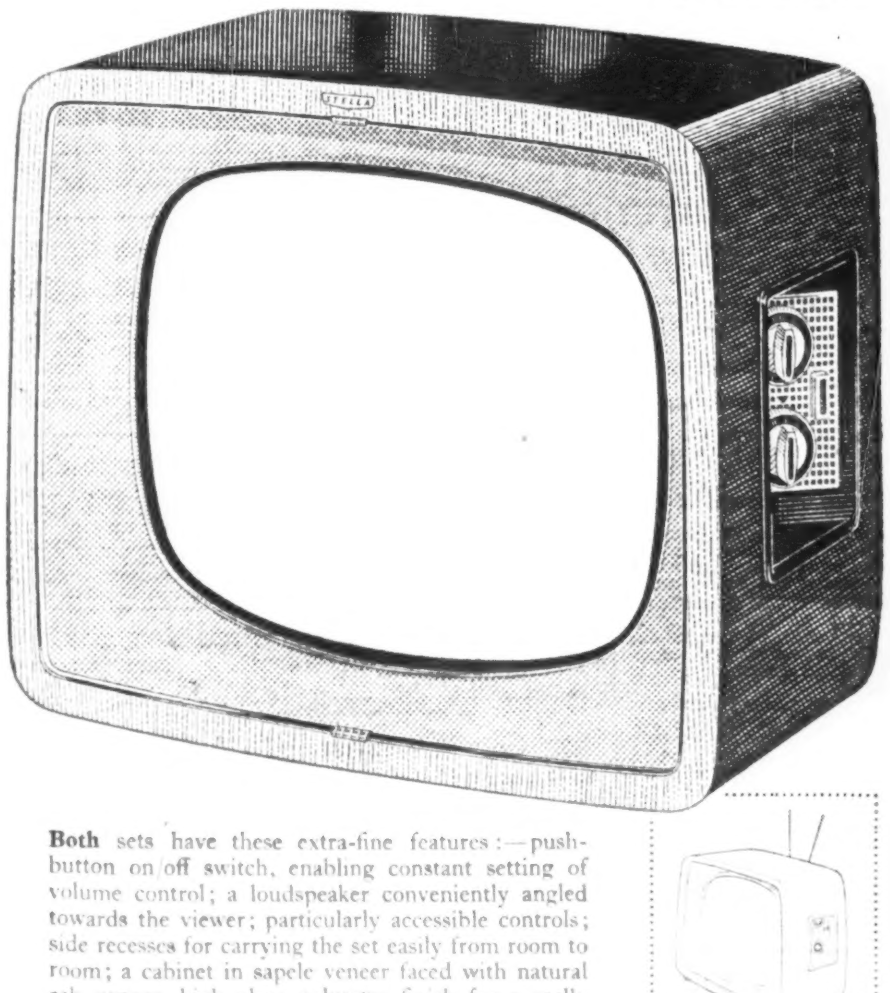

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He turns the executions into a film show

Witzleben, Hase, and the Berlin police president, Count Helldorf) were cross-examined by Himmler and Goebbels throughout the night.

As more was learned, orders for further arrests were made and executed. It was apparent by now that the roots of the conspiracy were widespread.

Count von Stauffenberg, the man who had placed the bomb and phoned Berlin with the "Hitler is dead" report, was incriminated initially by his priority phone call from Rastenburg to Berlin. He was among the first to be shot. The execution took place by the lights of an armoured car beamed across the Ministry courtyard.

At about 20 minutes to one on the morning of July 21 Hitler broadcast to Germany. He did not take the advice of Goebbels before doing so, and the result was bad.

He sounded shaken and nervous to the point of panic; his delivery was broken and ragged, his voice rough and frequently unclear.

He fulminated against the traitors and demanded the loyalty of Germany. Once more he spoke of a high intervention. "I regard this," he said, "as a confirmation of the task imposed upon me by Providence."

Black-outs

GOEBBELS spent the ensuing days at Rastenburg continuing his investigations and conferring with Hitler.

There, according to Semmler, who accompanied Goebbels to Rastenburg, he found Hitler "very unwell," although he believed the mental effects upon him were worse than the physical.

The Fuehrer had mental black-outs; his hearing was impaired, and he seemed to find difficulty in following a conversation.

He had only one thought in mind, vengeance on the men who had betrayed him. Vengeance was extended, too, to include the plotters' dependants.

It was the Night of the Long Knives over again. All those who had in the smallest degree revealed a seed of revolt in their hearts waited for armed men to take them away.

The number of victims who were either executed, imprisoned or sent to concentration camps during the following weeks and months is unknown.

A list of some 5,000 names of men executed was eventually drawn up, but thousands of others disappeared into confinement.

Rommel too

LATER Hitler was broken-hearted to find that even his favourite Rommel was involved in the Paris branch of the conspiracy; but Rommel was persuaded to commit suicide so that a propaganda funeral might be conferred upon him with the correct form of oration.

Goebbels arranged for the trial and executions of the plotters to be filmed in relentless detail so that Hitler might be able to follow the gruesome events night by night on the screen.

The generals were clothed in ill-fitting civilian suits with their trousers unbraced so that they experienced the greatest humiliation possible during their appearance in court.

The endless lengths of film were, under Hitler's orders, edited to make a record several hours in length which Goebbels was finally persuaded not to show in public because its exhibition would have revealed only too clearly the Fuehrer's pathological desire for a prolonged revenge. The condemned men were hanged alive on butchers' hooks, and slowly strangled to death.

His chance

MEANWHILE in Rastenburg two days after the attempt, Goebbels took every advantage of Hitler's weakened condition.

Now, at last, was his chance to urge the needs of total war and win the increased power he

GENERAL VON BRAUCHITSCH: *He was among the plotters.*

coveted. A new army of a million men was necessary. He was prepared to take responsibility for raising this army and tightening the belt of Germany as well. Hitler agreed, and Goebbels returned in triumph to Berlin.

In the train from Rastenburg to Berlin Goebbels said to Semmler: "If I had received these powers when I wanted them so badly victory would be in our pockets today and the war would probably be over. But it takes a bomb under his backside to make Hitler see reason."

Isolated

SOON after the bomb plot Hitler gave up his military headquarters in Rastenburg and moved back to his bomb-scarred Chancellery in Berlin.

Mad and mentally isolated, he shut himself in the Chancellery and finally in his bunker, listening to the advice of no one, poring over his maps, and issuing impossible orders, often to non-existent divisions of the German Army.

Among all the leaders in Hitler's hierarchy, only Goebbels and Bormann, the bitter rivals for his favour, kept their loyalty unimpaired to the end.

Semmler always testifies to Goebbels's single-minded devotion to the Fuehrer, even though he was often openly critical of his decisions.

And affection seemed to be characteristic of Hitler's own attitude to Goebbels towards the end.

A promise

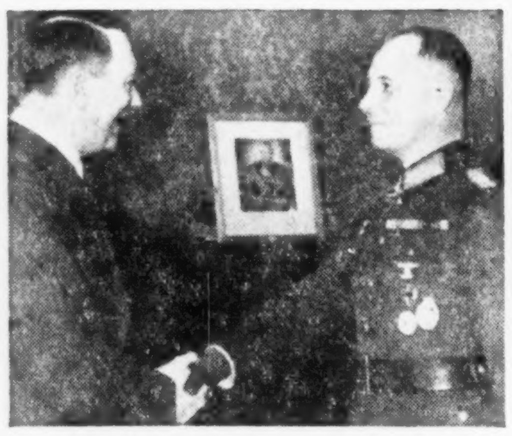
DURING a party at Goebbels's house at Lanke on Goebbels's birthday, October 28, Hitler took the trouble to telephone to give him his personal greetings and then asked if he might speak to his wife.

Frau Goebbels came back from the conversation with tears in her eyes; Hitler had promised her a great military victory for Christmas. He was, of course, referring to the offensive he was planning on the Western Front.

Semmler observed that the whole party took heart from this, since they were convinced that Hitler had some great surprise up his sleeve. Goebbels even allowed his mother to come to Berlin shortly before Christmas, largely because his sister Maria Kimmich, who was also living in Berlin at the time, was expecting a baby in the New Year.

The last occasion on which Maria and her husband saw Goebbels was at Christmas, 1944. They remember it as a purely family gathering out at Lanke. Maria and Magda talked together a great deal.

Magda told her sister-in-law that Joseph had seen certain new weapons so fantastic that they would certainly bring about the victory by miracle that Hitler had promised Germany through her husband's propaganda.



BITTEREST BLOW *to Hitler was the defection of Rommel, seen with him here after the African campaign.*

HITLER THE GENERAL: *On a tour of the Eastern Front he explains his strategy to Mussolini, who arrived at Rastenburg just after the bomb incident.*

The guest

ON the following January 12 a notable social event took place, and was recorded as follows by Semmler:—

• Today Hitler was a guest in the Goebbelses' house for the first time in five years. Frau Goebbels had invited him to tea. The children received him in the hall with bunches of flowers in their hands.

At 4.30 Hitler's car arrived. Goebbels stood to attention with his arm stretched out as far as it would go.

The children made their little curtsies, and Hitler said how surprised he was at the way they had grown.

He presented Frau Goebbels with a modest bunch of lily-of-the-valley, and explained that it was the best that could be found, as Doctor Goebbels had closed all the flower shops in Berlin!

Then Goebbels introduced colleagues who happened to be there. For the first time I shook hands with Hitler. With the Fuehrer were an adjutant, the servant, and six S.S. officers of the personal bodyguard.

The servant was carrying Hitler's brief-case which bore a large white F on it. From the pocket of the case a vacuum flask could be seen sticking out. I realised that Hitler had brought his own tea and cakes.

Tea lasted an hour and a half. We were not allowed to be present. Only the Goebbels family, Hitler, his adjutant, and Dr Naumann (Goebbels's deputy) sat together in the central drawing-room.

In the evening I heard from Frau Goebbels that Hitler had enjoyed the family atmosphere very much.

He was glad to have left his monastic life for half an afternoon, and promised to come again soon.

Half the conversation had been made by Hitler, who described his building plans for Berlin and memories of 1932.

At supper Goebbels and his wife were both very proud of the visit. "He wouldn't have gone to the Goerings" said Frau Goebbels •

Depression

GOEBBELS worked ceaselessly during the last winter of the war, though he was subject to occasional fits of acute depression, when he shut himself away at his home in Lanke.

He raged at any of his staff whose attitude implied defeat, and he constantly visited the battlefront to give talks to officers and propaganda workers on morale and the great future that awaited a victorious Germany.

Yet as early as October 1944 he drew Dr. Max Winkler, the Nazis's financial adviser, aside and discussed with him the problems of how he could make suitable financial arrangements for his children in the event of his death.

At one staff conference when he was receiving a report from an army liaison officer on the Ardennes offensive, he suddenly said to him in front of members of his staff:—

"There you sit and prattle about all sorts of trifles while someone like myself is wondering whether the time has come to poison his wife and children."

To Semmler he continued to talk about his day-dream of retiring from politics after the war, and becoming a professional writer. He once said: *"After the war I'll go to America. There at least they will appreciate a propaganda genius, and will pay him accordingly!"*

Elation

BUT Goebbels had his moments of elation too. One was when news was received of the death of President Roosevelt. He telephoned Hitler, speaking with a tense, excited voice.

"My Fuehrer," he said, "I congratulate you. Roosevelt is dead. Fate has laid low your greatest enemy. God has not abandoned us. A miracle has happened."

Goebbels was a superstitious man. He recalled that at a previous meeting with Hitler there had been a reading of horoscopes which had predicted great news in the middle of April 1945.

Now he accepted the truth of that prophecy. "It is written in the stars that April will be a turning point for us," he told Hitler. "This is the turning point—Friday the 13th."

Obsession

DESTRUCTION: this was the last obsession of the inner circle drawing together round Hitler. Destruction of Germany and her resources, of the German people; destruction finally of themselves as the little phials of poison were passed like precious stones from hand to hand.

Hitler knew and approved of this, and himself possessed supplies of poison to give out to those whom he regarded as loyal and devoted followers, the blessing of death conferred by the Leader.

Magda Goebbels was one of the first to get her ration from Professor Morell, Hitler's obnoxious and unqualified medical adviser who had materially helped to reduce Hitler to a pathological wreck with his experimental drugs, but who was nevertheless trusted by the Fuehrer's inner circle and frequently consulted by Goebbels.

Morell gave her what she wanted—a dose large enough for herself and her six young children, something that would work quickly.

This was towards the end of February. Earlier in the month, on February 10, she had written what comfort she could to her elder son, Harald Quandt (by her earlier marriage), who was a prisoner of war in Britain:—

"My darling son.

"It is nearly four weeks since I wrote to you last, but I have been thinking of you all the time more than ever, and I was afraid you might be worried about us, the news, of course, being far from rosy. I want to reassure you, though, and tell you about the latest events as well as possible.

"First of all, we are well and in good health and in good spirits, and since in such grave times the family should be together, we have all moved to Berlin and have shut the house at Lanke.

"In spite of the air-raids, our house here is still standing up, and we all of us, including grandmother and other members of the family, are well provided for. The children are full of fun and merely concerned with the boon of being excused school. Thank goodness they don't realise the gravity of these times yet.

"As for Papa and myself, we are full of confidence and we do our duty to the best of our ability.

"I have had no proper news of you since November, but father tells me that you are better. Do please write to me soon about the exact nature of your wounds. I want to know exactly what teeth you have lost and whether the shot in your hips will make you unable to walk.

"I embrace you with all my love, and my thoughts are with you all the time.

Your mother."

Magda's devotion to her husband and to her Fuehrer was complete. She scornfully rejected offers of escape from the doomed city of Berlin. She told her sister-in-law: "I will certainly not leave Joseph now. I must die with him and the Fuehrer. *And when I die the children will have to die too, all of them. I couldn't bear to leave even one of them alive, not even with you."*

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ONE WHO STAYED LOYAL: *The bomb-plot was the first indication of a crack in the Nazi régime. Many others close to Hitler were to abandon him. But Goebbels stayed loyal to his Fuehrer to the end.*

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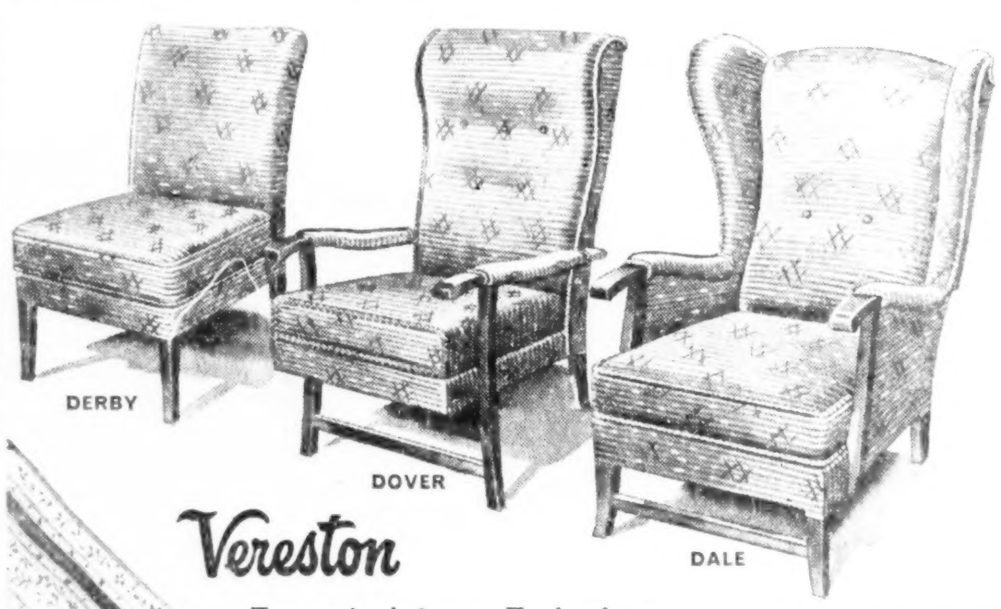

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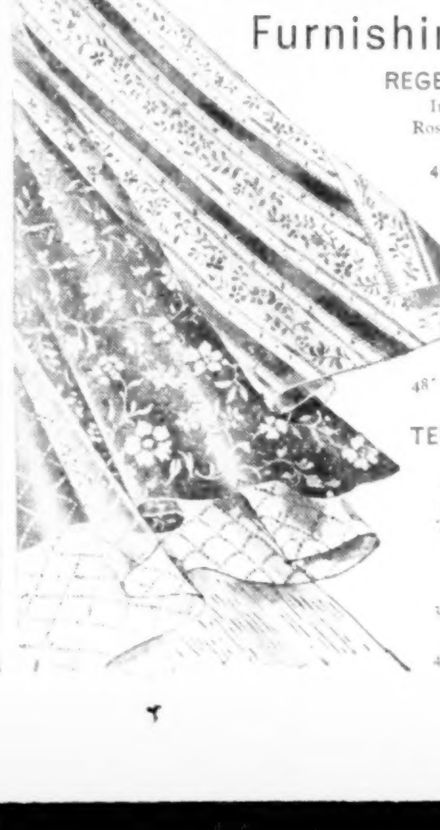

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Let them recommend the immediate recognition of the Queen's aunt, the Duchess of Windsor.

At the time of the Abdication, when feelings were high, one could possibly understand the dissension.

But now, after all these years have gone by, surely it would be gracious and right to put an end to that brutal snub which makes the Duchess's rank in precedence so far behind her husband's.

Let the Duke of Windsor's wish be granted; let the Duchess be called Her Royal Highness.

And let them be received officially in this country. In this act the Queen would have a vast majority of the British public behind her.

P. J. Halsey.
Wakefield-road,
Bradford.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS : *As they arrived in America last week.*

Readers' Letters

Friendliness

I GOT today a taste of the new "be friendly" technique that the Post Office is using.

I rang the supervisor to complain that I seemed to be getting crossed lines on most of my calls.

She said: "Well, dear, I don't think there's anything wrong. But if you had an electric iron that went wrong you would ask an expert to look inside it, wouldn't you? So don't ask me. I'll send a man."

V. Johns.
Priory-road, High Wycombe,
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Lewis East.
Anstey, Leicester.

Wine for milk

I WENT into a famous Dickensian steak-and-kidney-pudding-a-speciality London eating house the other day.

I ordered a meal and a glass of milk. The waiter refused to serve it. So I sent for the head waiter.

He said: "Well, I'll get one from the kitchen this time, sir, but not after this week. Next week the tourist trade starts and the place will be full of Americans. They would all drink milk if we allowed it. To save our wine trade we have to ban it altogether."

A. S. T. Poole.
Grove Park-avenue,
Chingford.

Service

I POSTED a parcel to my grandchildren in the United States and suddenly remembered that I had omitted the name of the town in New Jersey.

I informed the parcel office in Liverpool of my mistake and they told the United States postal authorities.

The parcel was delivered intact.

(Mrs.) D. Harrison.
40, Glanville-street,
Peterborough.

Royal pranksters

ONE of the nurses who attended Queen Victoria (*Page Eight, last week*) was a Mrs. Lilly, who also attended my mother when I was born in June 1890.

She often used to entertain my mother with stories of the Queen's household.

One story in particular concerned the royal children. A maid at the Palace was getting married and the children discovered her wedding dress laid out on one of the beds. Some of the older and more high-spirited ones gleefully set to work and blackleaded it all over.

When this was reported to Prince Albert he took a riding switch to them and not only were they all soundly whipped, but he made them buy a new dress out of their pocket money.

(Mrs.) Lilian Plevins.
165, Villiers-road,
Kingston-on-Thames.

Head on the road

I HAVE seen some stupid things hanging in the back windows of cars, but this week I saw the most hideous. It was a model of the shrunken head of a South American Indian.

G. K. Richards.
St. Ann's-road, N.15.

My father never missed a service

MY father, aged 85, has been church clerk at St. Edmund's, Tendring, Essex, for 57 years.

In that time he has never missed a service, a wedding, a funeral, or a christening, and has never taken a holiday.

(Mrs.) G. Maywood.
10, Heber Mansions,
Queen's Club-gardens,
W.14.

Ill-matched men

WHILE I was making arrangements for a phone at my new house, I found there is an intriguing list of people exempt from sharing a "party line."

According to the Post Office official who dealt with me they are: 1. High Court judges. 2. M.P.s. 3. The surgeries of practising doctors.

But, the man from the Post Office added, "We also make it our duty not to team up unsuitable people. It would be really bad form to arrange for a bookie to share a party line with a Methodist clergyman."

I must admit that I admire the Post Office's tact—though a financier involved in secret deals and civil servants at the head of Ministries would come out top in my list of priorities.

Robert S. Peters.
Nelson-road, E.4.

MYSTERY MAN

GOING through our files we found this letter, which was sent to one of the girls' parents:—

PASSPORT OFFICE,
London, S.W.1.

"I should be glad if you would clarify the name of the medical practitioner who has recommended the application as the signature is illegible."

for Chief Passport Officer.

It amused us very much. Any idea who signed for the Chief Passport Officer?

David Land.
(Hon. Director.)
Dagenham Girl Pipers,
118/120, Wardour-street, W.1.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Land signed his own letter:—

UP COUNTRY by THURLOW CRAIG

A wise ewe outwits her baby's foes

I WAS ploughing along through the snow-powdered heather. Below me was a dark little valley, a blend of browns and greens, containing a bunch of grazing sheep, some of them with lambs. Above me all was white with snow, broken only here and there by a black rock, cold and bare.

I don't much care for walking but Teena the Boxer needed exercise if her graceful lines were to be preserved, and so also—for the same reason—did I. My vital statistics at the end of a well-fed winter verge on the 40-50-60 mark—or so my wife tells me.

From one shoulder hung my Zeiss monocular, once the spoils of war, now an old and valued friend. From the other was slung a 100-year-old muzzle-loading rifle, carried on the offchance of shooting a fox, but more for the added weight to sweat off an extra ounce of fat.

Scuttled to heel

Before me ranged Teena, sticking her snub nose into anything that looked—or smelled—interesting. Suddenly she froze, pointing upwards towards the ridge we were approaching.

"*All right,*" I whispered, "*now come to heel.*" And to hurry her up (Boxers love to take their time in obeying) I aimed the rifle as though to fire over her. Teena, no gun-dog, hates to be in front of me when I shoot, and scuttled immediately to heel.

Cautiously we advanced; carefully I poked my head over the ridge.

Three carrion crows exploded into frantic activity and I snapped off a shot at the laggard. The original owner of that little rifle used to shoot rocketing pheasants with it, no mean feat considering it fires one pea-sized leaden bullet. I missed, but those crows were out of sight in seconds.

And there before me lay a newly-dead sheep, still warm. I looked at her earmarks but did not know them. No matter; of more immediate importance was the fact that she had recently lambed. But where on earth was her offspring? I looked all around and saw no sign, for the snow was trampled.

Strangled moan

"*Come on, Teena,*" *I said.* "*You obviously heard it—now find it.*"

But Teena just sniffed around, then sat down and looked at me, mouth open, tongue lolling, as though admitting she was beaten.

Then we both heard a strangled little moan. It came from under a slanted rock outcrop, before which grew some tall heather. Right underneath, so new that it was not yet dry, huddled a tiny lamb.

I hauled it out and quickly inspected it. Although deadly cold it was completely unharmed. It even tried to suck my finger.

Slipping it into the big poacher's pocket of my shooting coat, I turned down the hill and started off towards the smallholder's cottage at the far end of the valley.

It was a mystery. I could only guess that the ewe realised she was dying. Knowing all about those loathsome birds, the buzzards and carrion crows, she must have pushed the lamb underneath the rock and then gone out herself—as buzzard bait.

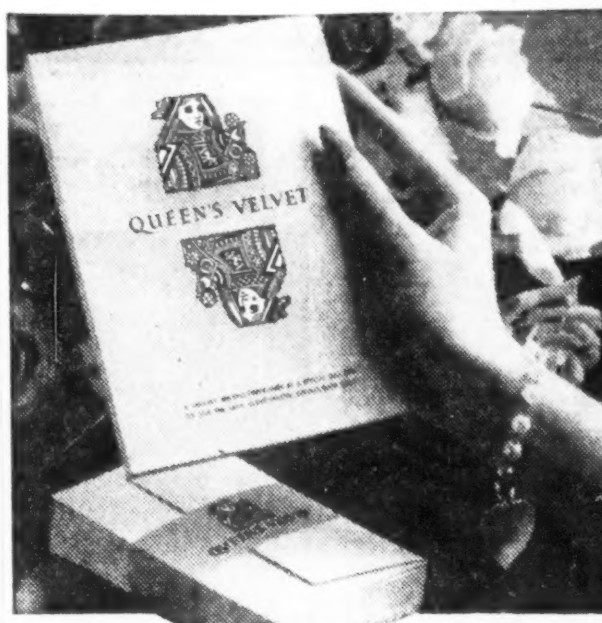
Fireside meal

Anyway the lamb was unhurt, and half an hour later it was drinking warm milk from a bottle in the hands of a ten-year-old girl.

On a sack in front of a blazing fire in the kitchen lay three more lambs.

"Yes," the child had said when I described the earmarks, "it's one of ours. You can leave the lamb *back* with me. Mum and Dad will be so pleased when they get back from market."

So after a cup or two of hot tea I set off with Teena, leaving the waif with the girl in the snug little hillside cottage. And if neither Teena nor I had done much to reduce our girth, at least our walk had not been completely wasted.



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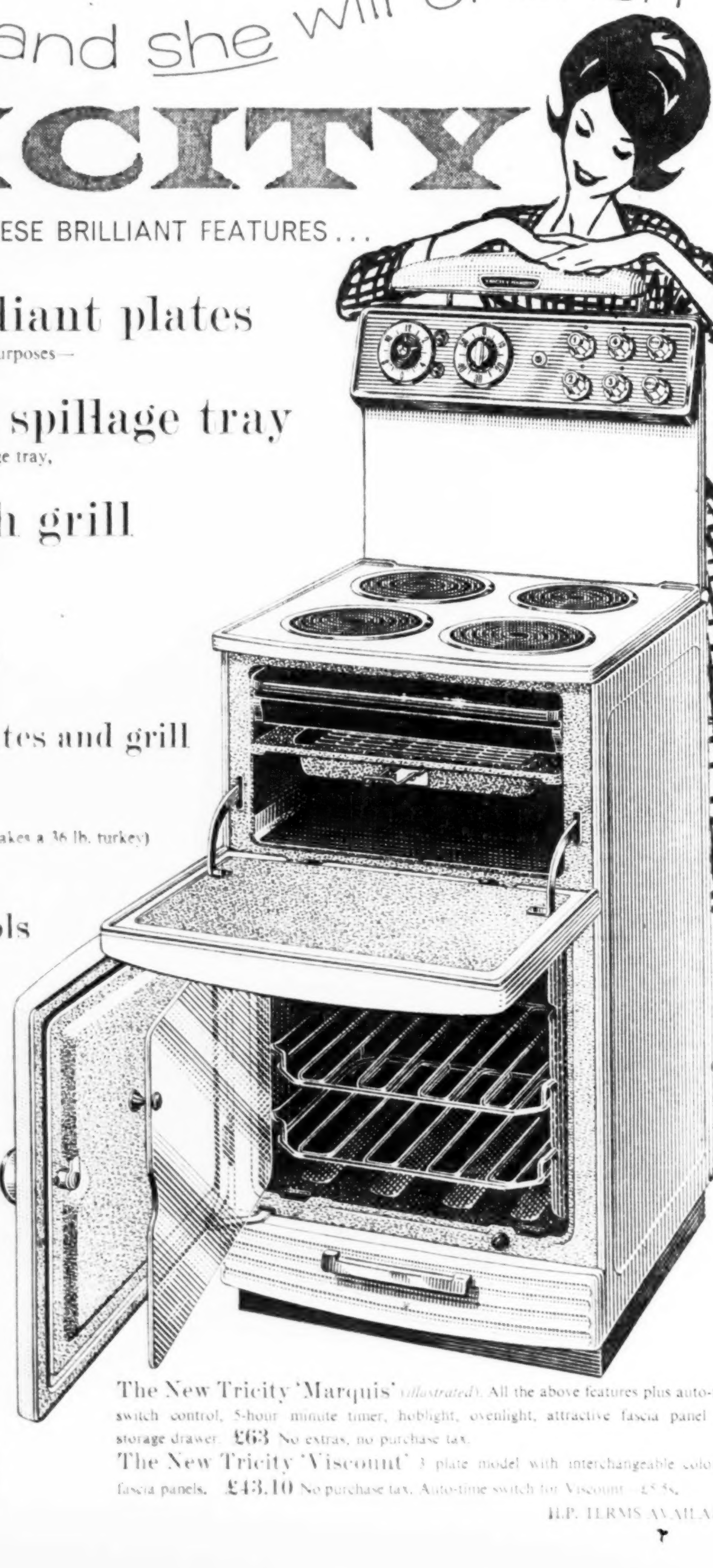

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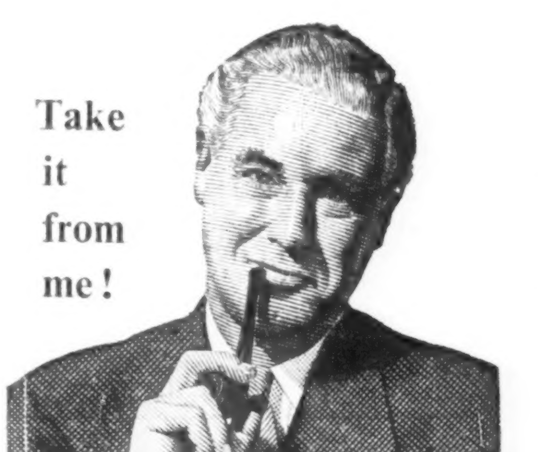

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Lady Emma says 'No' to a dance

ONE of the reasons for the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire's recent move into redecorated living apartments at Chatsworth, their ancestral home, was that they wished to celebrate there, in traditional splendour, the coming-out of their elder daughter, Lady Emma Cavendish, who is 17 next month.

The duke spent around £100,000 on the apartments, and preliminary plans for a ball and other celebrations were prepared by Christmas.

But now Lady Emma has put an end to the planning. She has decided, after thinking the matter over seriously, that she has no wish to "come out" after all.

She tells me: "It is partly because I don't think it means much nowadays, but mainly because I want to concentrate on getting up to Oxford. I don't think I can combine coming out and swotting."

Lady Emma plans to read history. "It is my chief ambition. It's much more important than being a debutante."

FAREWELL, CAROLYN

MISS CAROLYN PONSONBY, 21-year-old model-girl sister of Lord Sysonby and niece of Loelia, Duchess of Westminster, has been working in Rome for two of the city's leading couturiers.

Last week she left for a brief holiday in Switzerland. And she invited three of her new-found Roman friends to the station to see her off.

Baron Musco di Ambalato, Signor Vittorio Virno, and Signor Gianfranco Piacentini queued up for a farewell kiss from Miss Ponsonby.

Spell lifted

THE Duke of Windsor's private secretary, Mr. Michael McAlister, is still celebrating the birth of his fourth child, born two weeks ago.

He has good cause for rejoicing. The baby was a girl—and her birth ended a family "curse" which has lasted for five generations.

"I believe that a wicked ancestor wronged a village girl and refused to marry her when she was expecting a baby," he tells me.

"She put a curse on him and said that the first child born to him or any of his descendants would always be a girl, an only girl, and would break her father's heart.

"I laughed at the curse, although both my father and grandfather each had only one daughter, but secretly I believed it because my first child was a girl and then I had two boys. The arrival of the new baby means that at last the curse is finished."

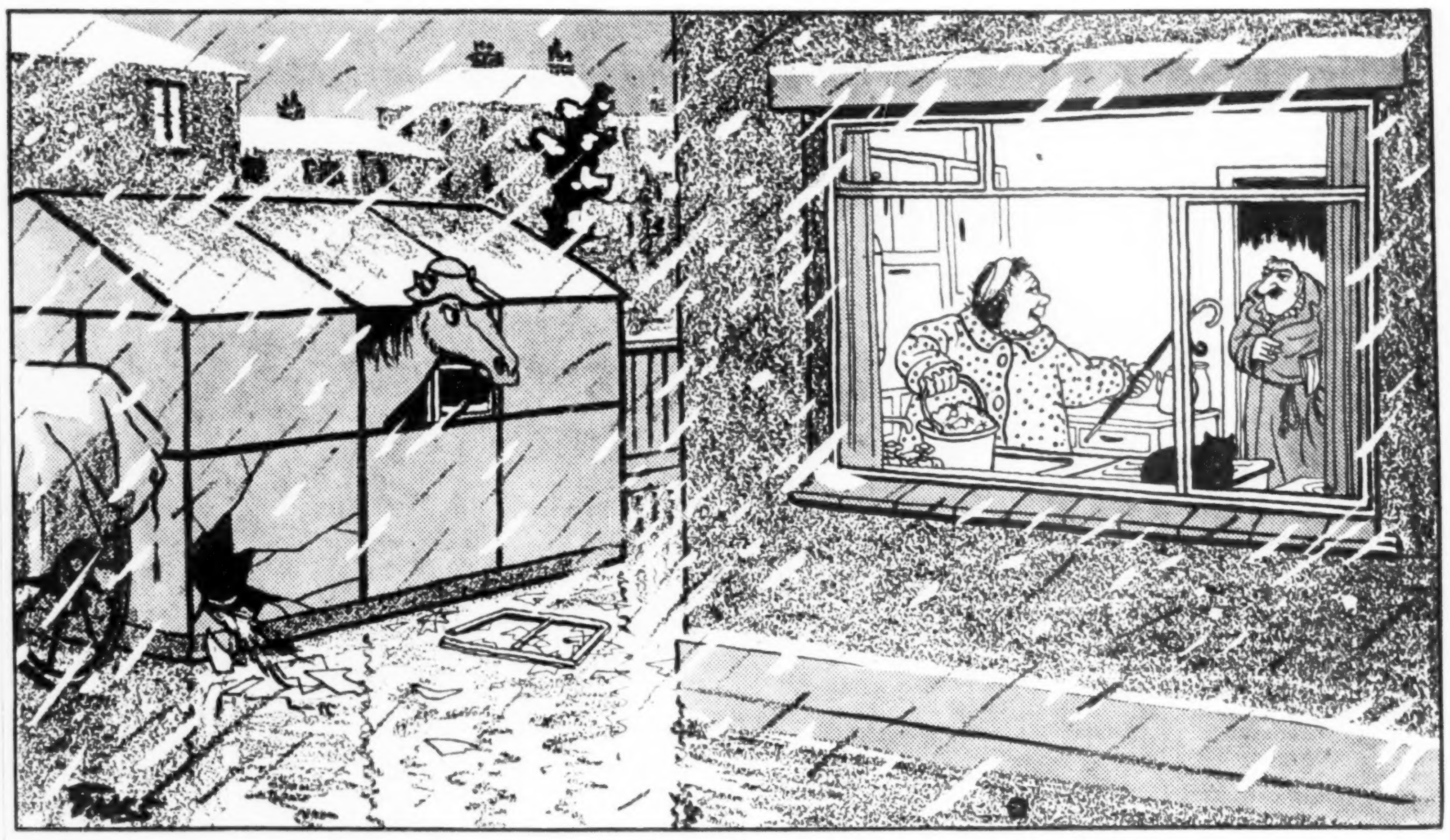
The baby is to be named Carolyn Anne. The Duke and Duchess of Windsor have given her a silver bowl engraved with their monogram.

Yacht delayed

THE 70ft. yacht which copper magnate Mr. Alfred Chester Beatty is building at Teddington for £60,000 will not be ready next month as was expected. It will be finished in about April or May because of additions which Mr. Chester Beatty has ordered.

The boat is named The Helena, after his third wife.

Surprisingly, it is to have its hull sheathed in a new alloy called alumbro and not copper, which is normally used in boat hulls.



"Good morning, dear. Operation 'Strike Emergency' wants his breakfast"

Grandmother-to-be waits for a cable

ONE person close to the Royal Family outwardly unaffected by the imminence of the Queen's new baby is Prince Philip's mother, Princess Andrew of Greece, who will celebrate her 75th birthday later this month.

The princess is leading her normal quiet life in her secluded Athens flat, and, according to her lady-in-waiting Madame Valaoriti, has no intention of visiting England in the near future.

Until last year the princess was Mother Superior of a sisterhood of nuns which she had founded. But last summer she gave up active religious work, and now contents herself with keeping an eye on the running of a combined nunnery and convalescent home in an Athens suburb.

Says her lady-in-waiting: "The princess awaits her son's cabled notification of the happy event, and will send a congratulatory telegram."

Mr. Quarter per Cent

MR. MARK SYKES, the Countess of Antrim's 22-year-old nephew, has gone into the film business.

"I don't know why I didn't think of it before," he says. "It's money for old rope."

Mr. Sykes's first job was to find a financial backer for a new film that is about to be made with a cast of international stars. He was successful.

He tells me: "For my trouble—which was negligible—I will get a quarter of one per cent of the gross receipts of the film. By anyone's standards, that should be quite a bit of money."

I reckon it at something like £10,000. If the film is a success.

AMANDA MORRISS
Studying in Florence

Pavilion dance

VISCOUNT ASTOR is lending the magnificent summer pavilion on his country estate, Cliveden, in Buckinghamshire, for the coming-out dance of Miss Amanda Morriss, daughter of Mr. Nicky Morriss, who runs a stud-farm near Newmarket.

Amanda's step-father, Mr. Jack Colling, trains the viscount's racehorses. Says her mother, Mrs. Colling: "It is certainly most generous of Lord Astor. It will be a wonderful setting for the dance."

Miss Morriss, who is now studying art in Florence, is sharing the dance with the Earl of Harrington's daughter, Lady Jane Stanhope.

Convalescent

LADY SASSOON, 40, wife of Sir Victor Sassoon, is convalescing at her home in Nassau after a major operation. Her doctors expect it will be nearly three months before she is fully recovered. Miss Florence Desmond, the actress, who is a close friend of the Sassoons, is staying with them.

Love for France

AFTER a six-month visit to France one of this season's debutantes, Miss Angela Brooke, has returned with the ambition to go back and work there as soon as she can.

Says Miss Brooke, whose father, Mr. Anthony Brooke, was heir to the last "White Rajah" of Sarawak: "I went to learn the language and had some of the happiest months of my life staying with a family near Blois in the Loire valley."

Miss Brooke will share a dance with Miss Jane Raikes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Raikes, at their Sussex home in July. After the season is over she will be going to a secretarial college for nine months with a view to working in France.

ANGELA BROOKE
Happiest in France

New name

PRINCE ANDREI of Yugoslavia tells me that his son, Marko, who was born 10 days ago, will have a different name after his christening in a few weeks' time. He will then be called Christopher.

Says the prince: "We in the Orthodox religion choose a name at birth—it is really just in case the child should die in infancy. We feel that no child should die without a name.

"But it can quite often happen that between the birth and the christening the parents change their mind about the name. That is what we have done. But even though we know he is to be christened Christopher, we will continue to call him Marko until the christening."

Prince Andrei's wife is the former Princess Christina of Hesse, Prince Philip's niece.

Prince Philip is Kum—the approximate equivalent of godfather—to their other child, Maria, aged two.

Says Prince Andrei: "It is likely that he will act in the same capacity for our son, although nothing definite has yet been arranged."

Enforced rest

THE Marchioness of Lothian leaves hospital today after a leg operation following a ski-ing accident in Switzerland at the end of last month. She injured her Achilles tendon.

"It happened on the last day," she tells me. "I was ski-ing back to the chalet we had rented to cook lunch and pack up. It was snowing, I couldn't see, and I fell flat on my face.

"It is very tiresome as it takes about three months to mend."

Lady Lothian will use her enforced rest to advantage. She is writing a book about Florence Nightingale.

that Peggy Page look

DRESS 'N' JACKETS

AND DRESSES TOO

'MONACO' (above)
Elegant Dress 'n' Coat ensemble. The coat is Royal, Navy, Green or Coffee and the slenderizing sheath dress is in matching puppy-tooth check. 36"–46" hips. Style 2087.
About 7½ gns.
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DRESS 'N' COATS

'BIARRITZ' (right) It's fashion-right and thrifty too to include a double-duty Dress 'n' Coat in your Spring wardrobe. This distinguished ensemble is in 'Shin-Wa'—the crease-resisting material with the 'Shantung look'. In Natural, Coffee, Blue or Lime—the matching dress is printed in a subtle black and white foliage design and the skirt is lined. 36"—46" hips. Style 2057.
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Shin-Wa
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Personality fabric

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Shin-Wa
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'MANHATTAN' Shirtwaister—the magic word for spruce fashion success. Peggy Page blends 'Tricel' with Cotton for easy-care, crease-resisting crispness and chooses tiny checks of Lilac, Moss, Turquoise, Pink and Navy, all with White. 36"–44" hips. Style 2022. About 5 gns.
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Have we really seen the last of Jolly Jack?

COULD my hunch be true? *Is* the world doubly-blessed? Are there *two* J. B. Priestleys? Sometimes, cross-my-heart, it seems there must be. Two separate men. The split between them as wide and deep as the Grand Canyon.

One Priestley—the original Priestley—is good old Jolly Jack, the gruff, plainspoken Yorkshireman. A genuinely talented story teller who turned out believable novels about believable people. Books like **The Good Companions.** Like **Angel Pavement.**

BOOKS

by DEE WELLS

This Priestley wrote, too, solidly satisfying plays that people thronged to — and enjoyed.

Jolly Jack, the Bradford schoolmaster's son, was an ardent Socialist. Understandably. For he had his way to make in the world. And he found the world not such an easy place for an ordinary boy from the North.

CANTANKEROUS

During the war, Jolly Jack's solidly sensible Yorkshire voice was a B.B.C. fixture. And, also in the 'forties, he cycloned around the country exhorting everyone to vote Labour.

Then there developed the second Priestley.

This one was rich, famous, and cantankerous. An old pipe-puffing sage. One who had to go and take slimming treatments in Switzerland to melt off extra inches acquired by years of better and better living.

And one who, politically, made a clean 180 degree swing —but anchored nowhere.

This was the Priestley some wit has dubbed *"the Poujade of British surtax payers."*

To label Priestley as not *for* anything, but merely *against* the high tax rate, was unkind. For although the younger and poorer Priestley had helped to establish the Welfare State, he was, by 1955, a rich man.

His surtax alone amounted probably to more than most working men earned in a year. And that it is grievous to part with so much brass is understandable.

But the newly conservative Priestley's writing had changed too.

Pontificating took the place of stories. His plays became fanciful experiments which few understood—and fewer liked. And the worst thing that can happen to a story-teller happened to Jolly Jack Priestley—his writing became pretentious.

Now, homely things left far behind, was the time of his intellectual flowering.

The latest bloom is just out. Called **LITERATURE AND WESTERN MAN** *(Heinemann, 42s.)*. It is a 500-odd page run-through of Who Wrote What in the last 500 years.

As a book, it is undoubtedly Priestley's entry in the Everlasting Fame stakes. And as a book about books it is excellent. With so many names in the Index that it reads like an all time-all time literary *Who's Who.*

From Rabelais right down to Steinbeck and Scott Fitzgerald, it has the lot.

ONE A DAY!

The book tells **HOW**, in Shakespeare's day, *seven* theatrical troupes performed in one year in the tiny village of Abingdon, Berkshire.

HOW a crabbed, effeminate printer named Samuel Richardson became one of England's greatest novelists at the age of 50. Samuel was asked to write some letters on moral subjects as a selling line. He based his first letters on the true story of a servant who had resisted her seduction-minded employer. He read out the letters each evening to a circle of local ladies and somehow the letters worked themselves into story form as the ladies begged to know what happened next. An audience like that, observes Priestley, is just what some novelists need.

SO IMPATIENT

Only one bit in this book struck me as funny. It's when Priestley gets off on to H. G. Wells.

"Wells adopted no attitude, wore no mask. What the reader was offered . . . was the candid spectacle of H. G. Wells learning how to live, educating himself, grappling with things. This explains why this affectionate, friendly man was so often impatient and irascible in his public controversies."

You can substitute "Priestley" for "Wells" in the above passage, and come out with a candid reproduction of Priestley's picture of himself!

Dons and sagier sages than Priestley may call this book superficial. It certainly won't strike them as the greatest thing since the wheel.

But for the rest of us **Literature and Western Man** is a fine and thoroughly worthwhile effort. I am *for* it. I hope it sells like umbrellas on a rainy day.

But this book is very much the second Priestley speaking. The Priestley who, married to the keenly intellectual Jacquetta Hawkes, seems determined to huff and puff his own quail-shaped self off the ground and fly as high as she.

And although there are traces in this book of the good, bluff, original Priestley, there aren't enough to keep his once-huge reading public from wondering where their hero went.

They can hardly be blamed. For, sometimes, it seems that Priestley isn't even sure himself about what side he's on.

One day he rants at us for being a sheep-society. For being non-spiritual, "thing"-minded grubbers who rush to buy whatever the ad-men praise.

He even coined a word for us —the *"ad-mass."* And he has gone on record as saying: *"I think the ad-mass system is a rotten system. . . ."*

It sounds oh, so very, very high-minded. But *is* Priestley all that high-minded?

Unless my memory has moth holes, it seems to me that—not so many years back, either—I saw that honest Yorkshire face spread all over America in a double-page ad. There he was—pipe and all, with a facsimile-letter headed *J. B. Priestley.*

It was just an ad. One dreamed up by ad-men. One aimed straight at the "ad-mass."

It was, in fact, an ad for beer. American beer, at that.

You see what I mean?

There *must* be two Jack Priestleys.

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IN New York, in 1891, the greatest showman of all time was dying. In London, even The Times had his obituary ready. A sonorous, Latin-sprinkled tribute that began: *"Barnum is gone. . . ."*

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Barnum read the four long columns that were a toothsome mixture of eulogy and anecdote —and was delighted. A few days later, he died.

Four columns seems hardly enough. Even a new biography, **THE FABULOUS SHOWMAN,** by Irving Wallace *(Hutchinson, 21s.)* seems hardly enough, good though it is.

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A nightmare

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Close quarters

They didn't even like the same foods. When one slept, the other wanted to go for a long walk. When one sat reading, the other wanted only to get to the nearest tavern. And when one had a hangover, the other tormented him by being extra alert and active.

When Chang and Eng fought (and they did often) it was, of necessity, at close quarters and was, sometimes, a very gory affair. Shouting, spitting, clawing, at least once their carrying-on landed them in court.

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AT THE TOP

HERE, based on countrywide reports from bookshops, is a selected list of current best-sellers.

FICTION

ADVISE AND CONSENT by Allen Drury *(Collins, 21s.)*.

TWO WEEKS IN ANOTHER TOWN by Irwin Shaw *(Cape, 18s.)*.

WEEK-END IN DINLOCK by Clancy Sigal *(Secker and Warburg, 18s.)*.

CLEA by Lawrence Durrell *(Faber, 16s.)*.

NON-FICTION

CIDER WITH ROSIE by Laurie Lee *(Hogarth Press, 18s.)*.

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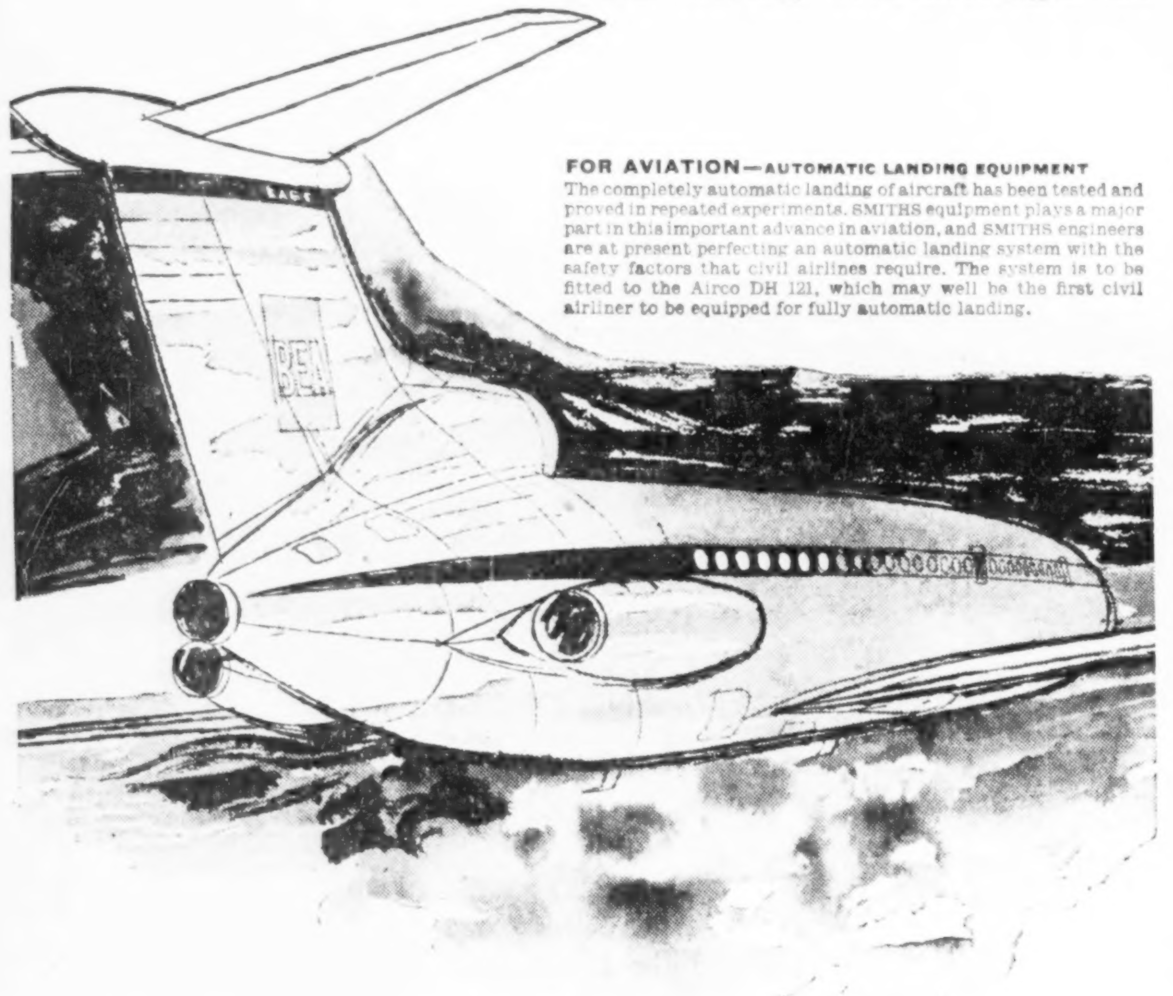

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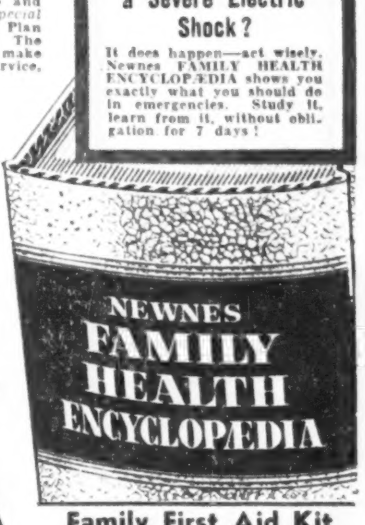

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Swindler in jail repays the people he cheated of £200,000

by JOHN LAURIE

FROM his cell in Wormwood Scrubs prison Australian financier Robert Affleck Robertson has repaid in full the £200,000 he obtained by fraud. And now he has appealed to have his seven-year sentence cut.

He has sent a petition to the Home Secretary, whose decision is expected within the next few days. A Home Office spokesman said yesterday: "The Home Secretary can at any time recommend that the royal prerogative of mercy be applied. This is usually done on compassionate grounds or where there are mitigating circumstances."

Robertson, who is 47, was jailed in April 1957 and in the normal course of events—with full remission—could not expect to be released until about Christmas 1961.

When he gets out of jail he hopes to go to Australia, where his wife and two children are now living.

And he will take with him the £30,000 he is estimated to have left after paying back—with interest—the people he cheated.

Robertson was managing director of Bowmakers Ltd., a firm of industrial bankers, when he started the maze of swindles that led him to the Old Bailey.

Lavish spender

His income from the firm was £12,000 a year. He lived in the plushy belt between Ascot and Sunningdale, where he was known as a lavish spender. He had seven servants and went to the Royal Enclosure at Ascot.

But for some time Robertson had been spending up to £20,000 a year more than he earned. And eventually the transactions which hid his frauds became too complicated. He confessed to a fellow-director.

At the Old Bailey Robertson pleaded guilty to charges of fraudulently converting £144,000 and asked for eight other cases totalling £58,000 to be taken into consideration.

But when he went to Wormwood Scrubs he still had about £40,000 worth of Bowmakers shares in the name of nominees.

Mr. G. J. F. Samengo-Turner, executive director of Bowmakers, told me yesterday: "They brought him a fine windfall.

Rise in shares

"He was entitled to bonuses and new issues and the shares became worth £229,000. He may have still more shares with nominees for all we know."

It was the rise in the value of Bowmaker shares that allowed Robertson to pay back the stolen cash—with interest as well.

The biggest cheque went to Bowmakers, whose recently published report says that £118,000 put aside to meet losses "that might arise as the result of the defalcation of R. A. Robertson" was back in the accounts.

Says the report: "The balance outstanding has now been repaid."

Another cheque went to Mr. Harry Bentley, former amateur golf champion, who was swindled out of shares worth about £36,000.

'Keep coke boilers at Windsor'

THE Government will be asked next week to reconsider a plan to change over the heating of Windsor Castle from coke to oil.

The castle's 21 boilers, using 30 tons of coke a week, are due for conversion before next winter.

Mr. Woodrow Wyatt, Labour M.P. for Bosworth, Leicestershire, who has put down questions for the Minister of Works, Lord John Hope, said yesterday:—

"This decision is a frightful blow to the miners' morale."

COLONEL LEAVES £25 IN MEMORY OF A JOKE

Sunday Express Reporter

BRITAIN'S most decorated ex-soldier, World War I Lance-Corporal William Coltman, has been left £25 by his former C.O., Lieut.-Colonel Ernest Tomlinson, of Atlow, Derbyshire, who died aged 81 in October.

NOT because Lance-Corporal Coltman won the V.C., D.C.M. and Bar and M.M. and Bar, but because he once deliberately disobeyed an order under fire. The colonel and the corporal used to joke about it, the colonel calling it The Coltman Touch.

Mr. Coltman, 69-year-old gardener of Winshill, Burton-on-Trent, told me about the joke yesterday.

A legend

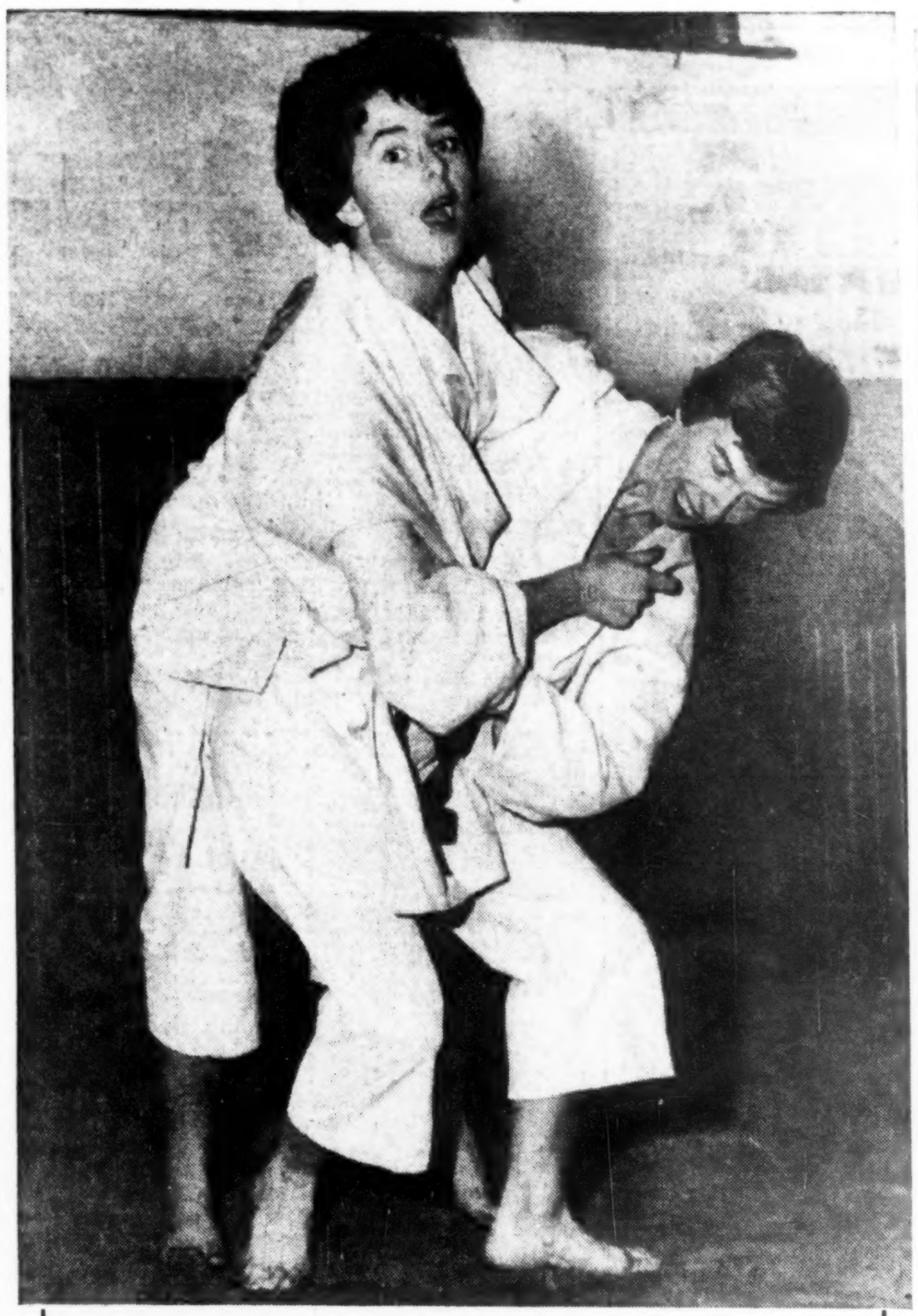
He was asked by Colonel Tomlinson's predecessor to guide a visiting officer round the trenches.

The message was delivered by a runner. Lance-Corporal Coltman, who was tending a wounded man, called back: "Tell the C.O. I can't come. This chap wants me more."

The story has become a legend in the North Staffordshire Regiment.

Bill Coltman was a stretcher bearer. He won his medals without firing a shot.

"I don't believe in guns and war," he says.



AND OVER SHE GOES! THE barefoot girls grapple . . . and somebody is about to end up on the floor! Learning judo in Kensington, London, is 17-year-old Charlotte Bingham (left), granddaughter of Lord Clanmorris. Says Charlotte: "It's wonderful."

£3,000 FOR FRIEND OF MRS. CUTLIFFE

Sunday Express Reporter

MRS. ELFRIEDE ROBINSON has been paid £3,000 compensation, it was revealed yesterday, for her injuries in the Cyprus shooting in which Mrs. Katherine Cutliffe died. Yet Mrs. Cutliffe's husband, ex-Sergeant David Cutliffe, has received nothing for her death.

German-born Mrs. Robinson is the wife of Sergeant Patrick Robinson, from Essex and now stationed in Germany.

On October 3, 1958, she and Mrs. Cutliffe were shopping in Famagusta when Eoka thugs shot them in the back.

His fight

Mrs. Robinson read in the Sunday Express last week of Mr. Cutliffe's fight for compensation for himself and his family of five. She has written to him, enclosing a letter to her from the Governor's staff in Cyprus.

The letter, dated last November 1 and signed by Robert J. Roe for the Governor's administrative secretary, said the Governor had directed she should be paid £3,000. She later received the money.

Mrs. Robinson says her case was fought by the legal department of the British Army of the Rhine.

Mr. Ifor Davies, M.P. for Gower, is investigating the case of Mr. Cutliffe, who lives at Ystalyfera, in the Swansea Valley.

● In London the Colonial Office said: "Mrs. Robinson received an ex-gratia payment because of financial hardship which followed her injuries."

Soccer club raided

Raiders blew open a safe and took about £220 cash, £30 worth of postal orders and four bottles of whisky from the office of Norwich City Football Club.

Army probes march death

Senior Army officers opened an inquiry yesterday into the case of a 20-year-old National Serviceman who died during a route march.

The soldier, Robert Peacock, of King Henry-street, Stoke Newington, London, was in a squad of 44 who set off on a seven-mile march with two corporals from Catterick Camp, Yorkshire, on Friday. He collapsed after four miles.

Masked gang rob woman of £450

Four men wearing stockings over their faces burst into the greengrocer's shop of Mrs. Rose Kingston, 63, in Coldharbour-lane, Camberwell, last night.

They bundled her into a back room and forced her to give them the safe keys. One man stood over her as the others rifled the safe of about £450, mainly in £1 and £5 notes.

A likely spot

Deadboys Copse at Tadley, Hampshire, is being considered as a site for a cemetery.

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AMONG a few plantings to be done now are shallots, seakale, and garlic. Choose an open site for **shallots**. They like a well-drained soil, deeply dug, and if already manured for a previous crop, this will suit them well. In place of manure, rotted material from the compost heap can be used.

Make the soil firm and, before planting, spread wood-ash over the surface and work in sulphate of potash 1oz., and superphosphate 2oz. per square yard. The bulbs, which should be of medium size, are merely pushed into the soil to half their depth, spacing them 8in. apart in rows 1ft. apart. See that they are made firm.

Seakale root cuttings, prepared by cutting the bottom ends slantwise, are planted vertically, the bud end uppermost, in well-manured soil. They should be about 6in. long, ½in. thick. Allow 15in. between the root pieces, in rows 1½ft. apart. A surface dressing of salt, ½lb. per square yard, will be beneficial. Keep surface soil broken up and give a top dressing of manure.

The cloves of **garlic** need similar treatment to shallots. Plant them 2in. deep, 6in. apart.

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Lucy dos Anjos . . . a meeting with a celestial vision.

FATIMA, PORTUGAL.

SHE was 69, handsome, grey-eyed, a marvel of courtesy and patience. She sat in the shadows of her chimney corner beside a wood fire where a pot was simmering, full of cabbage scraps for the chickens.

Her name was Maria dos Anjos and she had seen a miracle.

The miracle was not worked for Maria, but for Lucy, her younger sister. And last week, in that cottage where Lucy was born, I turned my thoughts back to that small girl for whom, well within living memory, the sun is said to have turned from its course; the girl who claimed to have received messages from heaven prophesying the course of world events in our time.

—by Geoffrey Ashe

Two parts of the message have already been revealed. But Lucy said she was forbidden to divulge the third part until 1960.

The Vatican's attitude is officially very cautious, but many people expect an announcement on the anniversary of one of Lucy's visions.

My quest for the truth about Lucy's miracle took me to the queerly-named rural parish of Fatima, near the centre of Portugal. Maria, her face vividly framed in the peasant headscarf, was adding her own recollections to a tale that has been the subject of controversy for more than 40 years but is still mysterious.

In 1917 Lucy, then 10 years old, used to wander out with two cousins to mind the sheep.

During that summer a rumour spread through the countryside. On the 13th of each month, beginning in May, Lucy had seen and talked with a celestially beautiful Lady who appeared in a nearby stretch of land called the Cova da Iria. Her cousins saw the Lady too, but Lucy did the actual talking.

They scoffed

Some believed the children's reports of these meetings, and spread the news that the Blessed Virgin Mary was appearing at Fatima as she did at Lourdes. Others, understandably, scoffed.

Then Lucy made a startling announcement. The Lady had promised that at noon on October 13, when she came for the last time, she would give a "sign" as proof to the world that she was real.

As the hour approached, long processions of carts and cars and pedestrians converged upon Fatima.

Besides the devout there were many hostile or dubious. Portugal was going through a phase of internal strife, and anti-clerical politicians were hopeful of overpowering the Church.

Among the crowd were priests who dreaded a fiasco that would make their position even weaker; sceptical professors; doctors and an eye specialist; and, of course, the Press.

One of the newspapermen was Avelino de Almeida, editor of *O Seculo*, the most influential daily in Portugal, opposed to the Church.

Lucy's own family watched the concourse with horror. They did not believe in her (*"I certainly didn't myself,"* Maria told me), and they thought she would be lynched if her "sign" failed to materialise

It happened

The crowd, 70,000 strong, gathered at the Cova da Iria in the pouring rain. They stood huddled in the mud under their umbrellas.

Lucy and her two cousins waited by the tree where the Lady had appeared. Time wore on and some of the onlookers were giving up, when there was a flicker like lightning and the children's faces were transfigured. *She was there*, they thought . . . *she had arrived!* Then it happened.

The rain had stopped. The clouds parted wide and the sun showed through. It was pale somehow, a pearly disc, almost painless to look at. And it was moving, but with a visible motion.

To the watchers it appeared to trace a circle—another—another. It seemed to come adrift, to approach the earth with a ghastly majesty.

For about eight minutes the spectacle lasted. The crowd was in a panic, with people everywhere kneeling, screaming, praying, grovelling, fainting. Then the sun returned to its place, and to its usual brightness.

Witnesses told afterwards of streamers of fire, changes of colour, and the sun spinning like a wheel.

Maria dos Anjos doubted these further details. What she saw herself was very simple and very terrifying.

"*Thus*," she said, "*a downward spiral*," and turned her finger in the firelight. "*Then I believed Lucy. Not before.*"

There it was: not the slightest attempt by Maria to prove or to exploit.

Bewildered

Others were present that memorable afternoon, 40 years ago, who could not believe but were utterly bewildered. The reporters filed their stories.

Two days later *O Seculo* carried a long and graphic despatch by editor Avelino de Almeida, and towards the end of the month he enlarged on it. The shock to his party had been severe; he scarcely knew what to think; but—there it was. "*I saw.*"

So had the entire crowd at the Cova da Iria, and not only there. Alfonso Vieira, a well known author, who was not watching for any sign, saw the solar gyrations 20 miles off. There were other witnesses almost as far.

Such was Fatima's Miracle of the Sun. *And the explanation?*

First the view of a scientist, the Director of Lisbon Observatory. While not disputing the event he affirmed in an interview that his own staff, 70 miles from Fatima, had recorded nothing unusual. No natural phenomenon would fit the facts. He suggested mass hallucination.

But if so, how caused? Could thousands of people, including the unreceptive journalists, have been suddenly hypnotised into the same fancy for several minutes?

With this question in mind, I asked Maria whether Lucy had mentioned the sun *beforehand*.

"*No*," she replied firmly, "*not a word. There was going to be a sign. That was all.*"

Every account I have read supports her. At the last moment, during the apparition, observers close to Lucy did hear her exclaim "*Look at the sun.*"

But that cry could hardly have swayed the whole huge crowd—or reached Vieira so far away.

Hallucination is no answer. *Well, then, a meteorological freak?*

Scientists do not seem to have noted any parallel case.

Why should anything so bizarre have come to pass at the time foretold, on the same day of the month as Lucy's visions? At the very least we have to credit her with a baffling foresight.

Photographs of the scene show, first, the rain and mud and umbrellas, then people staring up in a stronger light, some kneeling. If these pictures were posed or faked, it is hard to see why the unsympathetic paper *O Seculo* printed them.

Seventy thousand witnesses! Many of them besides Maria are still alive. Hundreds have put what they saw on record.

After the phenomenon, Portuguese anti-religious leaders demanded counter-measures, yet, with all those thousands to question, they apparently could not find any to testify that Lucy's "sign" had not happened. It was a turning-point of prestige. Their party never recovered.

So the Miracle of the Sun, for better or worse, is a fact of European political history. If, however, we are even to consider it as a true miracle ordained by God, we must ask why it should have occurred, what was the point of it.

The "sign" was given as public proof of the apparitions, of the Lady's message, and of her identity as the Virgin.

Consistent

Lucy and her cousins, indeed, gave consistent descriptions of the Lady that do not sound like any picture or statue they could have seen. Those who have met Lucy since (she is a nun at Coimbra) find her a gay, well-adjusted, practical soul without obvious neurotic symptoms.

As for the theory of a fraud, neither the children nor their families got anything but trouble from the affair in an earthly sense.

The problem of interpretation really begins with the Lady's message. Lucy maintained that this included a "secret" in three parts, having to do with the moral predicament of mankind. Years after, she wrote down two parts of it, which were published. The third remains a secret.

Thus her visionary conversations have to be pieced together from a series of notes.

Approved

There are references to doing penance and saying the Rosary. But there is talk also of a Second World War resulting from human sins, of Russia thereby "spreading her errors," and of Russia's eventual conversion bringing peace.

None of this except the last item can be counted as prophecy, because none was disclosed until the Second World War had already started.

Still, the sequence of apparitions did coincide with the Russian Revolution. And Lucy knew nothing of Russia at the time.

Roman Catholics, with the Church's approval, have done what they can with this message, emphasising "penance, prayer, hope." Fatima today is a major pilgrimage centre, with fine buildings and a record of cures like those at Lourdes.

Curiosity returns, however, to the third part of the Secret. It is in a sealed envelope in the Bishop of Leiria's safe. Until a few weeks ago the official word was merely negative. The envelope would *not* be opened *before* 1960.

I am now able to go a little further. They assured me at Fatima that in 1960 the opening will definitely take place, though the bishop has still not promised to publish the contents.

Far-fetched rumours are circulating. Priests have protested against the scaremongers who are announcing another war and frightful natural disasters.

The end of this uncertainty, if it does come this year, may be worth watching. There have been reports that the third part may turn out to have some special application to Britain or the English-speaking peoples.

Whatever precisely it was that blazed into Lucy's world and set the sun dancing, I cannot think of it as a mere foretaste of doom. I prefer the word of a gracious woman beside a peasant fireplace, with grandchildren playing near.

"*My sister never revealed the secret,*" Maria said, "*but she did tell me this—that there was no harm in it for those whose life was in the right.*"

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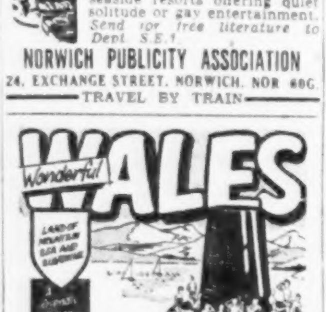
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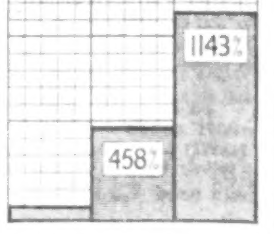

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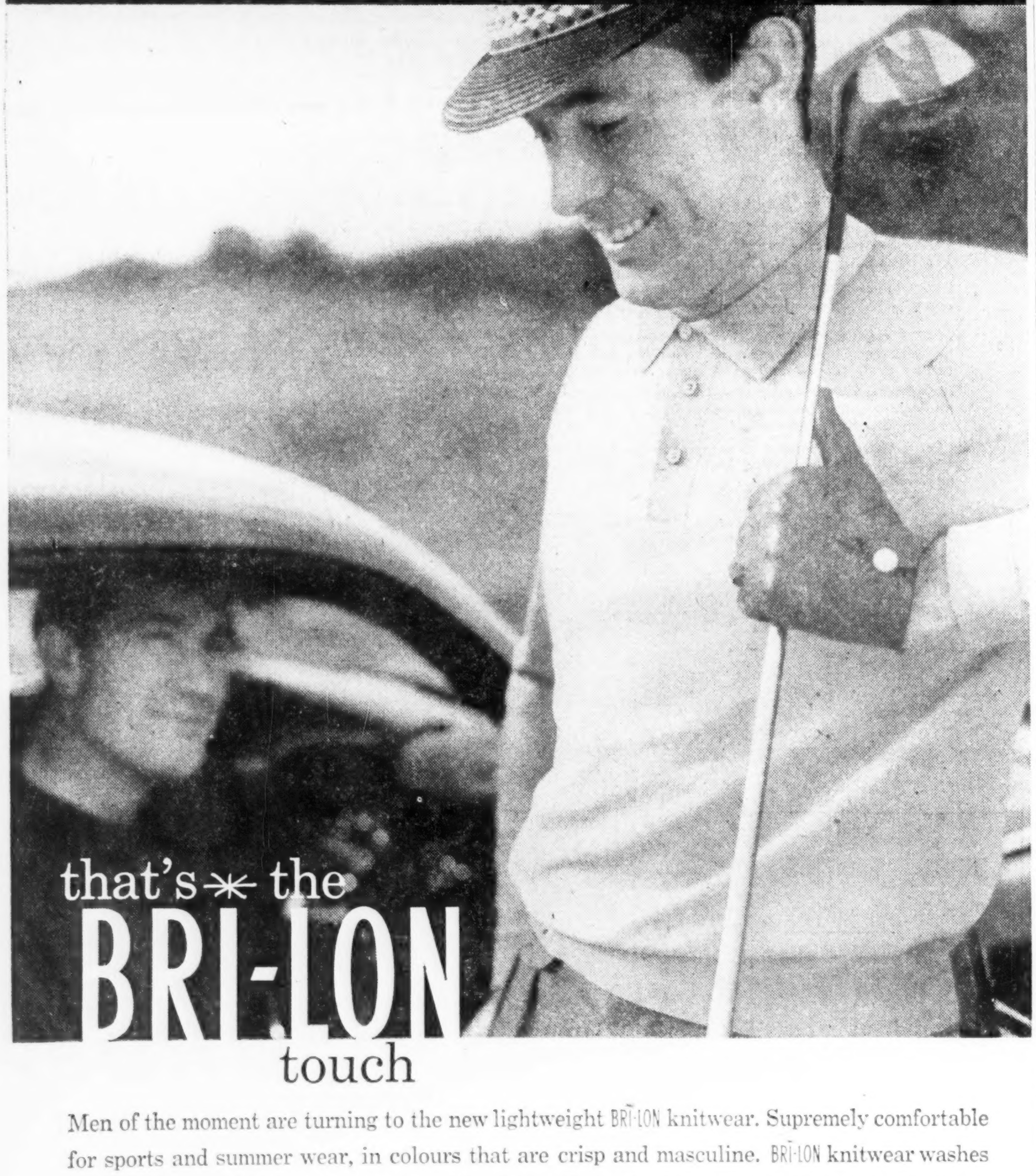

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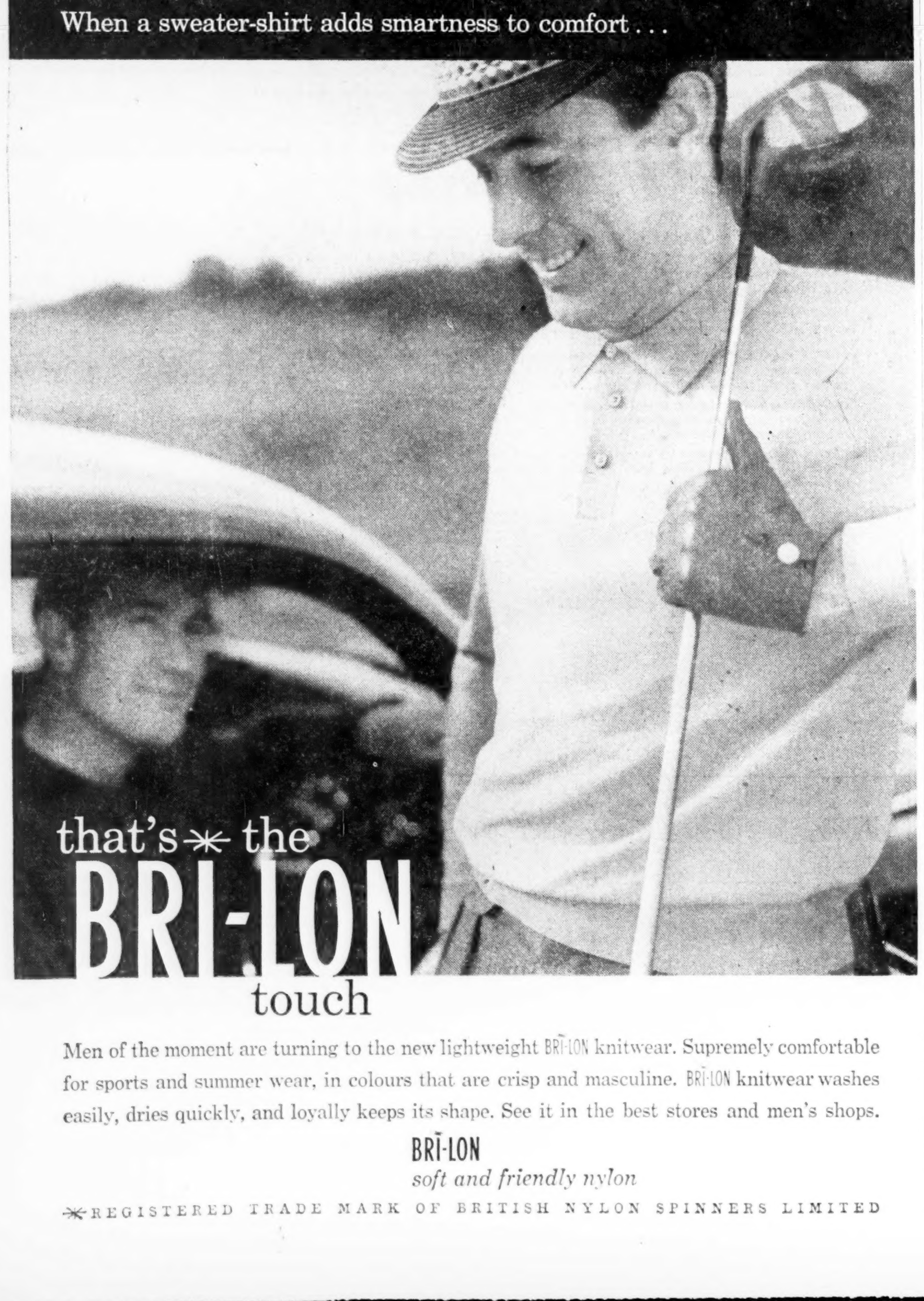

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They have stirred up heavy doubts about the efficiency of America's Intelligence Service. And lent new emphasis to the missile gap between the U.S. and Russia.

Into the picture has also stepped Mr. Allan Dulles, Chief of the Central Intelligence Agency.

His testimony has not been officially released. But I understand he cut across President Eisenhower's optimistic assurances with a forecast that:—

Russia will have between 200 and 300 combat-ready intercontinental missiles by the middle of next year. America will have only 60.

From General Thomas Power, chief of Strategic Air Command, whose high-flying bombers are regarded as America's top deterrent weapons, has come a declaration that. . . .

By 1962 "Russia will be in a position to wipe out Strategic Air Command and U.S. missile bases" with a Pearl Harbour type of attack.

SUBMARINES

With hardly a pause for breath, the general told the Preparedness Committee that the only way to ensure America's safety was "a continuous airborne alert."

This would mean keeping 25 per cent of S.A.C.'s bomber force in the air day and night and ready to head for Russia at a moment's notice.

Said the army's Chief of Staff, General Lyman Lemnitzer: "There are not enough planes available for a troop air-lift in the case of a limited war."

To add to the anti-Ike salvo came the navy's Chief of Operations, Admiral Arleigh Burke.

He told of being unhappy that the President was budgeting for only three Polaris missile-firing submarines next year. He said he intends to ask for six more—at a cost of nearly £35,000,000.

For President Eisenhower one man spoke up—General Nathan Twining, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

TWIN CRISIS

But, under questioning, he admitted that they were split on the question of an airborne alert . . . on missiles . . . on production of the 2,000 miles an hour B.70 bomber . . . on modernising the army.

And out of retirement has come a former Army Chief of Staff, General Maxwell Taylor, to state: "The country is not secure under the present defence plan."

All this is today presenting President Eisenhower with a twin crisis.

Politically, he is now faced with attack from the Democrat Party, which accuses him of gambling with the nation's security for the sake of a low budget in this presidential election year.

Nationally, the generals have made enough of their charges stick for millions of people to be asking: "Could there be another Pearl Harbour? Could we and the West really protect ourselves if an attack was suddenly sprung upon us?"

Vesuvius is getting ready to blow its top

LLEW GARDNER reports... as the experts warn: "A volcano is about to erupt."

NAPLES Saturday

I STOOD at the top of Vesuvius and gazed down into the 300ft.-deep crater of the volcano. The air was heavy with the smell of sulphur. The only sounds were the crunch of ashes beneath my feet and the soft sigh of the wind in the chair lift that had brought me the last few hundred feet of my journey.

My guide broke the silence. "Do not be deceived by this quiet," he told me. "The volcano is sleeping. Soon Vesuvius will awake again, and then—pfft."

He shrugged expressive Neapolitan shoulders with the resignation of a man who has lived through two of the volcano's eruptions.

For once this was not just sales talk for the tourist. For my guide's warning was echoed by Professor Eduardo Vittozzi, seismologist at the Vesuvius Observatory and lecturer at Naples University.

He told me: "We expect Vesuvius to start erupting before the end of this year.

"The volcano is now working in eruptive cycles of between 14 and 17 years. And it is now nearly 16 years since the last eruption.

"First the temperature will rise steeply. The volcano will start smoking and then one day. . . ." The professor smiled and raised his arms quickly above his head to indicate an explosion.

How long?

How long after the volcano becomes active will the serious eruption come? Professor Vittozzi shrugged his shoulders.

"Ours is not an exact science," he said.

"But of this we are convinced: when the next eruption comes it will be a major one. The volcano has been quiet for too long. Past experience shows that to be a bad sign.

"Always when there is a long spell of quiet the eruption that follows is the more violent."

From the rim of the volcano's crater I turned to look down its snow-covered slopes. Four thousand feet to my left sprawled the city of Naples. A million people working, eating, loving in the shadow of a volcano.

And to my right . . . the shattered columns and broken walls of once-proud Pompeii, the Roman city, destroyed by Vesuvius in 79 A.D.

A river of petrified lava 30 yards across and six feet deep snakes its way down the side of the mountain. An immovable memorial to the 26 people who died in the last eruption in 1944.

Smoking

When the mountain is active and a thin cloud of steam comes from its peak, people here say: "Uncle is smoking his pipe." And in a strange way they are even proud of the destruction that the volcano can bring.

"My father-in-law had a great farm on the slopes of Vesuvius," said Francesco, my guide. "Then came the 1906 eruption. He lost everything. Vineyards, fields, livestock . . . everything."

So then he moved to the town? I suggested. Francesco looked at me in astonishment. "Of course not," he said. "How could he? His home was on Vesuvius. He just moved his home a little way from the lava stream and started all over again."

There is one compelling reason why people should stay on the slopes of Vesuvius. It provides the richest land in Italy.

"The garden of Italy," boasted farmer Roberto Monti.

"But it is a dangerous garden," I said. Roberto smiled and answered: "It is not so dangerous.

"Here there is the possibility that one day I will be crushed by the volcano. But in the town there are also dangers. If I worked there I might be run over by a car.

"And there is always St. Januarius to warn us when trouble is coming."

St. Januarius, before whom the lions knelt when the Romans commanded that he should suffer death from their fangs, is the patron saint of Naples.

Miracle

Every home keeps his effigy. Each September, in Naples Cathedral, glass vials said to contain his blood are held aloft by the bishop. The Neapolitans believe that their fortune for the coming year depends on the speed with which the congealed blood liquefies.

"The miracle worked well last year," said Roberto, with a happy smile." The blood was liquid within 90 minutes. There will be no eruption before next September."

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Mr. K: 'I don't want to criticise, but...'

from BERTRAM JONES NEW DELHI

THE Indians gave Mr. Krushchev mustard today. Mustard on his clothes, in his face, in his eyes. They took him to a mustard farm 200 miles from New Delhi and showed him 20,000 acres of the stuff. There was so much mustard that it just got on your nerves. And it certainly got on Mr. Krushchev's.

He rode around the mustard fields at the head of a cavalcade of 20 trucks. He wore a long white dustcoat with sleeves so big that they hid his hands altogether.

But after three hours he looked as though he had been dipped into a mustard pot.

And his self-control broke.

"I don't want to criticise," he croaked in a dust-choked voice to the farm boss—an old army general—*"but don't you think you are growing rather too much mustard?"*

Protested

The general protested. But Mr. K. wagging a finger, went on to lecture him about the business of growing mustard.

"Sometimes farmers stick too closely to what they are told by the professors," said Mr. K.

The general squirmed. "But we have a strong sun here . . ." he began.

Mr. K. cut him off with a gesture that could come only from a man who had sent a missile to the moon. "There's one sun shining over the world," he said. "It's the same sun that's shining in Russia." And that was that.

The farm is entirely equipped with Soviet tractors and machinery. So the general took the opportunity of telling Mr. K. about the difficulties of harvesting mustard with the Russian combine harvesters.

Slapped down

But again Mr. K. slapped him down. He said the general should send his workers to Tadhzikistan, the Soviet republic on the Indian border, to learn how to use the machines.

"You should go too," he told the general, "so that the workers do not teach you, but you teach the workers."

Then Mr. K. climbed back into his truck and drove away, his Panama hat jammed a little more determinedly over his eyes, his tan shoes a shade more mustard coloured.

I flew back to New Delhi and had a bath. The water drained out like weak mustard.

I bet Mr. K.'s bath water did too.

MYRIAM PETACCI

MUSSOLINI AND MY SISTER—BY MYRIAM

ROME

ACTRESS Myriam Petacci, whose sister Claretta was Mussolini's mistress, is hoping to make a film that will "shed the clear light of truth" on Claretta's character.

She wants to show Claretta—executed with Mussolini in 1945—as a devoted and unselfish woman whose loyalty to Mussolini never wavered and who might still be alive had she not defied his wishes and stayed with him until the end.

Myriam, now 38, fled from Italy after publicity about Claretta's glamorous life and ignominious death with the Italian dictator.

She made 10 films in Spain. Now she is attempting a come-back in Italy.

CLARETTA PETACCI

VATICAN SEEKS FILM BAN ON ROMAN SCANDALS

Sunday Express Reporter ROME

"THE Sweet Life," Federico Fellini's audacious film portrayal of the unholy side of the Holy City, has brought a storm of controversy to Rome. The Roman Catholic Church is demanding its suppression as immoral. Newspapers and the film industry are urging a "hands-off" policy.

The Government is sitting on the fence—knowing that whichever way it jumps it will land in trouble.

But this week-end a decision is expected on whether or not the film is to be banned.

The film is packing cinemas in every major Italian city. In Rome it is running at two cinemas, taking £1,500 a day.

For his material, Fellini drew on all phases of the kind of life—especially night life—which has earned for Rome an international reputation for decadence.

Striptease

In one scene, the star, Anita Ekberg, recreates last year's striptease incident in a Rome restaurant which ended in the restaurant being closed, the American host being expelled from Italy, and Miss Ekberg being interviewed by police.

Rome's "night club nobility" is portrayed so devastatingly that no Roman has any difficulty in recognising the real-life characters the actors and actresses are playing.

Aristocrats are shown going piously to Mass, after taking part in all-night orgies, and the film exposes the exploitation of children who claim to have had visions of the Madonna.

The Vatican attacks the film on the ground that it draws a false picture of Rome and offends the religious susceptibilities of Italian people.

The film's supporters say they are surprised that the Vatican objects to a film showing Rome's moral deterioration at a time when the Church is pressing the State to fulfil its obligations to help safeguard the city's "sacred character."

No longer will Fred carry can

TORONTO

POLICE chief Fred Derbyshire, 56, was proud of his job—but not so proud of also being dustman, dog-catcher, library caretaker, and road mender for his town of Thedford, Ontario.

For five years he served the 623 citizens of Thedford in all five capacities. Now Fred has rebelled.

To the local council, Fred said: "If I can't have more dignity, let me have more money," and asked for his pay as police chief to be raised from 187 dollars (£66) to 250 dollars (£89) a month.

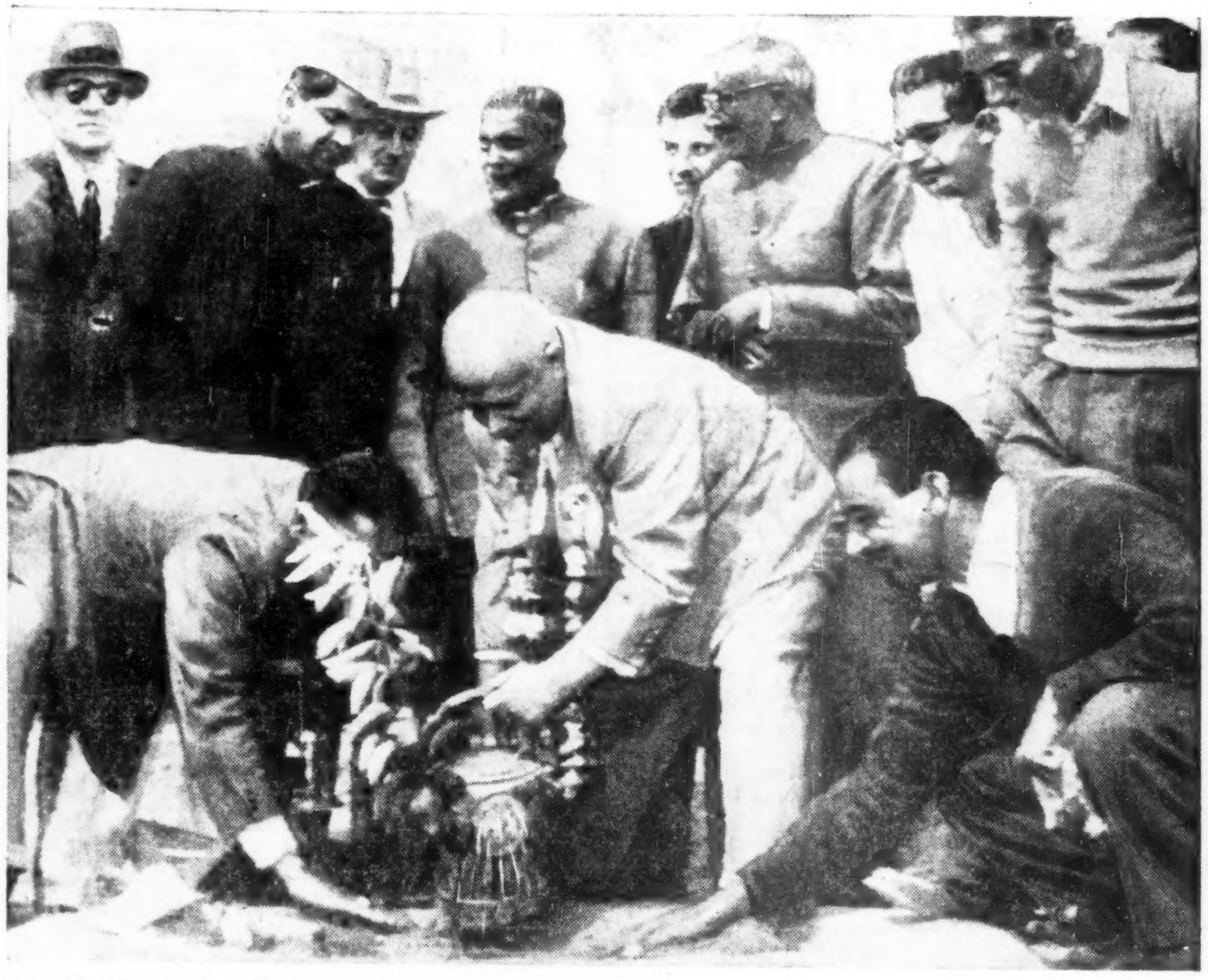
This was too much for the council members. They sacked Fred on the spot—as police chief. "You can keep the other jobs," they said.

That was too much for Fred. "I resign from all of them," he said, and stalked out of the town hall.

"It won't be easy to find another mug to do all those jobs," he said later.

"It is very embarrassing. There was one time when, as police chief, I had to escort the mayor's wife home from a dance. The only transport I had was the garbage truck."

Fred's next move: to see his lawyer about getting compensation for loss of office.



A DROP of water from Mr. Krushchev for the bush planted in his honour when he visited a 20,000-acre farm at Suratgarh, 200 miles from New Delhi. The farm, biggest of its kind in Asia, is equipped with Russian machinery.

Bringing home the bacon

SYDNEY: If you want to steal a pig without it squealing and giving the game away, walk it off wheelbarrow fashion on its front legs. This, say police, is how a New South Wales man got away with 28 pigs. He was fined £35.

CAPE TOWN: Millions of grasshoppers are eating their way through South African farms—and have even eaten a farmer's daughter's undies hanging out to dry.

PARIS: Professors of the French Academy, in revising the French dictionary, have only reached the letter "C" in 25 years. Now their weekly sessions will last half an hour longer.

AUCKLAND: The little British tractor which carried Sir Edmund Hillary to the South Pole is being offered to any worthy individual or organisation who would like it as a souvenir.

Mystery sub is 'damaged' —but now there's another

Sunday Express Reporter BUENOS AIRES

THE Argentine Navy said in a communique today that there are *two* mysterious submarines trapped in the Golfo Nuevo—and that one has apparently been damaged by bombardment from navy ships and aircraft.

Fishermen had reported sighting a second submarine earlier this week, but the first official confirmation only came today.

Two U.S. Navy planes have flown in with depth charges and electronic submarine-hunting gear which could bring the submarines to the surface or destroy them.

But a storm is now approaching the area, and this, it is thought, might give them a chance to escape.

A force of 14 destroyers and 30 planes is now believed to be sweeping the gulf night and day.

The Argentine Navy Secretary, Rear-Admiral Gaston Clement, said: "The arrival of the U.S. depth charges will make a big difference.

"The depth charges we have been using have a depth limit of only 230ft. The gulf is 400ft. deep."

The admiral would not confirm reports that more unidentified submarines had been seen off the coast.

Security arrangements have not prevented hundreds of Argentinians from joining in the excitement.

They have picnicked by the light of bonfires and listened to depth charges rumbling across the water.

In Halifax, Nova Scotia, Rear-Admiral A. R. Hezlet, Flag Officer of the Royal Navy's submarine fleet, said today that Soviet submarines are active off the Newfoundland coast—"but there's nothing we can do about it because they're operating on the high seas."

A WIFE'S ADVICE

CAIRO

THE advice Munira Boulous gives to wives is: "Don't let your husband out of your sight, even for half an hour."

Munira, who is 30, should know. She returned to her home from a brief visit to her mother, to find that her husband, a lawyer, had changed from the Christian to Moslem faith.

He had divorced Munira, married the pretty woman next door, and moved her into the house. Muniro returned to find the new wife, Pauline, in full possession of the house.

Pauline brushed aside Munira's objections by handing her a paper upon which her husband had written: "I divorce thee."

Munira's appeals to the police were fruitless. Under Islamic law such a written decree is a legal form of divorce if the husband is a Moslem.

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BERKELEY. Mus. 8150. Gestapo ... Lyon 1943 (U). Night and Fog (X).
CAMEO POLY. Lan. 1744. Ingmar Bergman's Waiting Women (X). Wm. Holden, David Niven. The Moon is Blue (X).
CAMEO-ROYAL. Char. X-rd. WHI. 6915. Alida Valli, Pierre Brasseur. Eyes Without a Face (X). Woman in Hiding (X).
CARLTON. Whi. 3711. Pat Boone, James Mason. Journey to the Centre of the Earth (U). CinemaScope. Col. Today 4.30, 7.25.
CASINO. Ger. 6877. Cinerama's South Seas Adventure (U). Today at 4.45 & 7.30. Orch. 4.20 & 7.5. Daily 2.30, 6.0 & 8.40.
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CURZON. Gro. 3737. The Fall (X). Sirenzeti Shall Not Die (U). Colour. 4.30, 7.10.
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GALA ROYAL. M. Arch. Amb. 2345. Venice, The Moon and You (A). Anna Lucasta (A).
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ODEON. Leic. Square. Whi. 6111. Kenneth More, Dana Wynter in Sink the Bismarck! (U). CinemaScope. Progs. at 4.30, 7.20.
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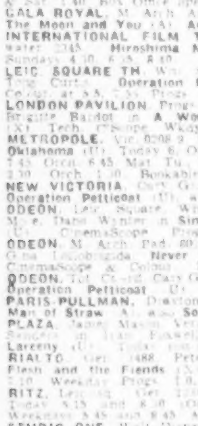

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SUNDAY EXPRESS

The old, old story

MR. SELWYN LLOYD has done Britain poor service by his speeches defending the proposal to supply the Germans with atomic arms.

Listen to his reasoning.

He told the Commons: "I agree that there is risk in everything, but it is impossible to underestimate the risk if Germany feels that she is being cast out or relegated to a third-class status."

But is there not something familiar about that argument?

Was it not used by the friends of Germany before the war?

Don't you remember the well-meaning folk who allowed Hitler to build up a massive air force and occupy the Rhineland? And who explained: "We mustn't make the Germans resentful. We must let them have their national pride"?

Where does Mr. Selwyn Lloyd's argument stop? What about all the other nations who may resent third-class status?

Are we to supply Nasser with atomic arms in case his pride is hurt at not having them?

The admirers of Dr. Adenauer may protest that, unlike Hitler or Nasser, he has no hostile designs against other Powers.

Yet already Dr. Adenauer's officials are laying claim to the territories which were ceded to Poland in 1945.

If the atomic weapons were ever brandished as a threat to recover those territories, humanity's case against Mr. Selwyn Lloyd and the other new friends of Germany would be grave indeed.

So slow

THERE is one man who has no reason to congratulate himself as the rail crisis ends.

He is Mr. C. W. Guillebaud, an elderly Cambridge don. For over a year his committee has pondered the question of railway wages. If they had worked faster there would have been no strike threat at all.

Undoubtedly Mr. Guillebaud is painstaking.

Yet why was he chosen for so urgent a task?

Is it because his was just one of those politically colourless names which make up a kind of resident panel for Government commissions and inquiries?

Mr. Guillebaud has been picked for boards and committees again and again. So have such people as Sir John Wolfenden, Mrs. Mary Stocks, and Professor A. L. Goodhart.

No one ever quite knows who suggests their names. They are responsible to no one.

Yet this little tribe of habitual committee-sitters helps to alter the lives of all of us. Something clearly is wrong.

If the rail crisis achieves nothing else, it should lead to a shaking up of the whole committee system.

Festival

THIS is the coy and sentimental festival of St. Valentine.

At countless breakfast tables teenagers in jeans, in casual sweaters, will be blushing over the same lace-framed hearts and cupids that sent their modish Victorian ancestors into vapours.

What a pleasant and innocent business it is.

But of course it does not concern the teenagers alone. What of the staider married couples?

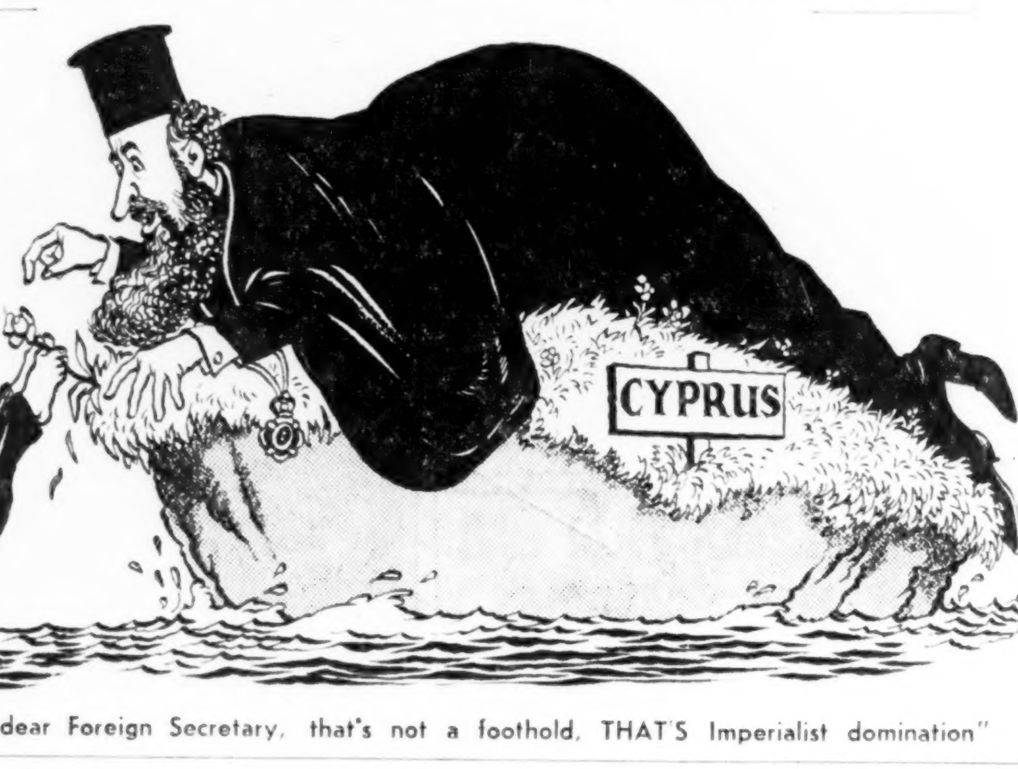
You may have forgotten to drop that card on the doormat for your wife.

But there are better Valentine tributes which you still can pay.

There are the words and looks of thanks for the dull household duties: for the loyalty that you too often take for granted: for the blessing of a family devotedly brought up.

And best of all there can be the resolve, where these little all-important tributes are concerned, to make it St. Valentine's Day every day of the year.

SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT . . . by CUMMINGS



"But my dear Foreign Secretary, that's not a foothold. THAT'S Imperialist domination"

THE HARSH CHALLENGE THAT MUST NOW BE FACED . . .

Is there any future for the railways?

by BERNARD HARRIS

AS everyone sits back in relief today, as emergency office schedules are forgotten, as plans to get a lift to work tomorrow are scrapped, I ask the question: *What is 1960 going to mean in the history of Britain's railways?*

Is it going to be marked as the year when the railways began to make renewed progress at last? The year when some of the promises about cleaner, faster trains came true?

Or could it have a more sinister significance?

Could it come to be written into the school history books as the year when the great network of British railways as we know it today started to break up?

To answer that question let me recall some of the earlier key dates in railway history.

The opening of the first passenger railway of all—from Stockton to Darlington—in 1825. The appearance of Stephenson's Rocket five years later. And the gangs of navvies who, with only picks and shovels to help them, cut and tunnelled thousands of miles of track across the face of Britain in the 1830's.

Only way

FOR many Victorian families the railways were the only acceptable means of transport over distances of more than a mile or two. For them until the first electric tram clanked along the roads towards the end of the century there was only one method of travel beyond hansom cab range. *By train.*

And so railways came to occupy a very special place in the minds of the British people. We had led the world with them. They were a great national heritage which had made Britain supreme as an industrialised country.

The child in the nursery learned his letters from wooden blocks ornamented with pictures of railway trains. The boy playing with his model railway set was fired with ambition to become an engine driver.

But what about the boy of 1980? Is it possible that to him the sight of an express passenger train will be almost as rare as a gaudily painted barge on a canal is to the boy of today?

Will the railways play no bigger part in his life than a horse-drawn fire-engine?

Will that great network which has served Britain so well for more than a century eventually be reduced to a few trunk lines radiating from London?

Let me paint for you one vision of the future.

Imagine a Britain where towns like Oxford, Worcester, or Lincoln have no railway station at all. A Britain where there are just five or six main-line railways shorn of all their branch "feeding" lines. A Britain where you could travel a hundred miles without seeing a railway engine.

Imagine a Britain where roads have been built along hundreds of miles of disused railway tracks, where a great part of the fuel for our homes and factories comes through pipe-lines instead of in long lines of railway wagons.

The facts

THIS may not be a vision which you like. Indeed it does not appeal to me.

But it may not be fanciful. For look at the facts.

Seven years ago more freight traffic (measured in ton-miles) went by rail than by road. The railways had 54 per cent. of the total, compared with the roads' 46 per cent.

By 1958 the share going by road had jumped to 56 per cent., leaving only 44 per cent. for the railways. And road haulage is still gaining.

In their days of prosperity the railways had a monopoly in the transport of coal. But they have a monopoly no longer.

The railway strike of 1955 showed that it was perfectly economic to carry large quantities by road. And it has recently been stated that coal is being carried by road from the pits to the South Midlands at anything from 4s. to 7s. 6d. a ton cheaper than by rail.

Coal itself is losing ground.

Its biggest competitor, fuel oil, can be transported by pipe lines such as Esso is about to build from its refinery on Southampton Water to a point near London.

It is being hit too by atomic power, where the only element of transport is through the lines of the electricity grid.

What about passengers? In Victorian days the railways had a near-monopoly of them too. Now one family in three has its own motor-car. And before railway modernisation is completed the proportion may be one for almost every family in the land.

Not only that—but by 1970, when the "New Look" on the railways is due to be completed, there will be inter-city passenger services by vertical take-off aircraft and by helicopters.

So is there a sound basis for the railways' belief that they will attract back vast numbers of passengers and large quantities of freight as their services improve? Can they ever keep going without constant injections of taxpayers' money?

The millions

THE record is far from reassuring. Already the railways have used up £600 million of the money lent to them by you and me to modernise the system.

And the result? Losses are four times as big as they were before modernisation began.

You may say that against that background it would be foolish indeed to pour a further £1,000 million into renovating an outmoded transport system which it would seem that the customers are never likely to patronise sufficiently to make it pay.

Though no one wants to see the steel rails torn up with the same speed that they were laid down last century you may say that it is inevitable that thousands of miles of track must be replaced by motorways.

That is the challenge which last week's strike settlement provides.

Higher pay for the railwaymen does not mean peace for the railways. It means instead that they are entering on the stiffest fight in their history.

A FIGHT TO PROVE THAT THE RAILWAY AGE IS NOT OVER IN BRITAIN.

And it can be won only if every man, from Sir Brian Robertson at the top to the newest apprentice engine cleaner, plays his part.

Speed it!

THERE must be an end to the defeatism, the take-it-or-leave-it attitude, that has run through all ranks. There must be a new zest, a new spirit, new ideas.

No longer must train arrival times make a mockery of the official time-tables. Modernisation must be speeded.

Cleanliness must be brought to the point where you no longer feel you must have an immediate bath after a long railway journey. Dingy, ill-lit railway stations must be rebuilt.

Unless all this is done there will be no alternative to wholesale closing-down of our railways. For the people of this country will not continue indefinitely pouring millions of money into a transport system which can neither satisfy its customers nor the people who work in it.

Politics and Personalities by CROSS-BENCHER

Harold sees the way ahead

THROUGH the murky doubts of Labour politics I spot someone who knows exactly where he is going.

A stocky, determined figure who strides bouncily through the fog.

Mr. Harold Wilson.

Though his party still gropes for a programme, Mr. Wilson's own programme for the rest of 1960 is clearly mapped out.

Its aim is limited and practical.

While some Labour men want to herd the party back to hot-blooded Socialism and while others want to delete the nasty word from their doctrine altogether, Mr. Wilson knows precisely what he wants.

The job of party treasurer.

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The present treasurer, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, after his promotion to deputy leader, must surrender the job in October whether he is completely fit or not.

And, apart from Mr. Wilson, only one other candidate is in sight.

Mr. George Brown.

On manoeuvres

☆ Mr. Brown, of course, is a tough enough obstacle for anyone.

But see how deftly Mr. Wilson has been manoeuvring into position against him since he first set aim on the post.

In November Mr. Wilson surprised everyone by taking on the task of being Chairman of Public Accounts in the Commons.

A grim chore, but one which gives Mr. Wilson the rare dignity of his own comfy room at Westminster. And the certainty of appearing a more weighty and responsible chap than the turbulent Mr. Brown.

In December Mr. Wilson gave up his well-paid work advising Montague Meyer's, the timber firm.

Which means that he will no longer risk any smear as a capitalist lackey when the contest with Mr. Brown comes round.

Finally, in February, Mr. Wilson has come out flatly against any amendment of Clause Four, the nationalisation clause in Labour's Constitution.

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After studying party reactions ever since the Blackpool conference he is convinced that his defence of the clause will deliver to him the votes of nearly all the constituency comrades.

Thus ensuring that, when the new treasurer's name is read out at the Labour Conference, it will not be the name of Mr. Brown.

Why not higher?

☆ But why does Mr. Wilson limit himself to a contest with Mr. Brown?

True, the post of treasurer has ample prestige. It ranks third in the Labour hierarchy.

Yet—it may be asked—if Mr. Wilson feels he has such backing on the nationalisation clause, why does he not aim higher?

Why is he not trying to oust the man who has staked his future on amending the clause, Mr. Gaitskell himself?

The answer is that shrewd political instinct runs deep in Mr. Wilson.

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Once, as a lad of seven, he was operated on for appendicitis at the time of a General Election.

But what happened when his worried parents visited him after he had been wheeled back from the surgeon? They heard little Harold pipe: "*Don't stay too long. You've got to vote.*"

Triple alliance

☆ Consider then what this long-developed political sense now tells Mr. Wilson about his prospects.

It tells him that he has powerful allies on the party executive in his defence of Clause Four against Mr. Gaitskell.

Not only are there all the habitual Left-wingers and several trade unionists.

There are also two men of the centre who are working more and more in alliance with Mr. Wilson.

The first is Mr. Richard Crossman, who was close chums with Mr. Gaitskell until only recently.

The second is Mr. James Callaghan, who always reacts like litmus paper to anything that is likely to get majority approval.

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With such support you might imagine that Mr. Wilson would be burning to challenge Mr. Gaitskell's leadership.

But you would be wrong.

He declares that so long as Mr. Gaitskell is leader he will gladly serve him.

For Mr. Wilson's instinct has also given him this warning. That, though lots of people like Mr. Wilson's policies, few of them consistently like Mr. Wilson.

They think he is brilliant. But they also think he is too clever by half.

And would be prepared to make him leader only if circumstances absolutely forced them.

Too many friends

☆ So how will Mr. Wilson react to the warning voices inside him?

Does he see anything for himself beyond the job of party treasurer?

Plenty.

Though he lacks warm personal support Mr. Wilson is not downhearted.

For he reckons that, while he may have too few friends, Mr. Gaitskell may have too many.

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Mr. Gaitskell is able and sincere. He is perhaps the most likeable leader Labour has ever had.

But he has this disadvantage. His intellectual favourites not only offend the older trade union men.

They have now forced him into a position over Clause Four from which, if things went badly, resignation could be the only way out.

And if Mr. Gaitskell threatened to quit?

Why then Mr. Wilson reckons that circumstances would force his acceptance at last.

If Mr. Bevan was still not fit, Mr. Wilson as treasurer would be waiting to fill the gap.

He could enter the citadel without having fired a single shot.

Geoffrey's progress

☆ Finally, a progress report on a television Tory.

Mr. Geoffrey Johnson Smith, M.P. for Holborn and St. Pancras South, was once a Socialist.

Then he became one of B.B.C. television's smoothest interviewers.

Then he became a Tory candidate.

Launching his campaign in Holborn last autumn he spoke against the death penalty and in favour of Colonial independence.

He explained: "I am a progressive Conservative—just as liberal as anyone who calls himself that with a capital L."

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Has this Tory's progressive candour been dimmed by his months as an M.P.? It seems not.

Recently he attended a private dinner for Mr. Michael Blundell, the wise and moderate spokesman of the Kenya settlers.

But in a speech Mr. Johnson Smith told Mr. Blundell how much he disapproves of the settlers he leads. Fiercely he told him: "You settlers are a poor lot of clods."

That upset Mr. Blundell naturally. But it does not seem to have upset the Tory chiefs.

Soon after this outburst Mr. Johnson Smith was made a Parliamentary Private Secretary—the first step in Government promotion.

What does he have to do to be made a Minister? Demand an earldom for Jomo Kenyatta?

CURRENT EVENTS

John Gordon

NO matter whether it snows, sleets, or rains, it's a happy morning. For you won't have to walk to work tomorrow.

But in spite of all bothers it has been a fascinating week. We have had the Royal Family publicly proclaiming once again its pride in its German ancestry, and its intention to perpetuate that pride through future generations.

AND WE have had the interesting disclosure that the Mountbatten family visiting Germany last year signed an hotel visitors' book with their old-time German titles Prinz and Prinzessin von Battenberg. Although the use of these titles was forbidden by a George V Proclamation as long ago as 1917.

Are the Mountbattens so powerful now that rules others must obey do not apply to them?

WHAT secrets the Russians manage to dig up!

Now they disclose that the little mishap which ended the life of Lot's wife was the result of an atomic explosion caused by rocket ship invaders from far away Outer Space.

AFTER THAT it wouldn't surprise me if the first Russians returning from an Outer Space landing brought back Elijah to prove that when he was scooped up by a whirlwind he was in fact being carried off in a space ship.

OUR defence boys invite newspapermen to the hush-hush H-bomb rocket base at Feltwell in Norfolk. They tell them with pride that all the 45 bomb rockets stand at 15 minutes' readiness aimed on a target in Russia.

And assure them that just 1,020 seconds after someone fires the rockets the inhabitants of Moscow and 44 other centres of Russia's war power will be as dead as Lot's wife.

ISN'T THAT nice, helpful propaganda on the eve of a disarmament conference. Do they imagine we are so simple as not to realise that if Feltwell has H-bomb rockets trained on targets in Russia, the Russians have probably more rockets trained on targets here? And if they cared might beat our blow-off by 15 minutes or more?

We need rockets of course. And must be ready to use them. But wouldn't it be wiser to avoid this sort of King Kong bombast about them?

ALTHOUGH there will be no rail strike, I hope we don't soon forget this little threat: "Motorists who are trade unionists should not give lifts to people in a transport strike."

Who said that? Mr. Jim Hall, East Midlands organiser of the N.U.R. Adding that if the A.A. and the R.A.C. advise their members to give lifts, trade unionists may be asked by their leaders to resign from both these bodies.

Quite a fellow isn't he? What a fine country it would be if he—or others with similar tin-pot dictator ideas—ever had any real power in it.

ANOTHER fellow with principles difficult to understand is Sir Richard Gambier-Parry.

He gave powerful evidence against an application for a drinks-with-meal licence for the only restaurant on the new M1 speedway, expressing the opinion that "it would be a calamity."

Yet he is a director of two brewery companies and President of the local Licensed Victuallers' Association.

DOES HE ban the sale of drink to motorists in his companies' pubs, some of which are not far from M1? I doubt it. But I think if I had his views I would—or get out of the drink business altogether.

I hope no one will accuse me of defending drinking while car driving because I say that. I don't. I am merely suggesting that our brewers' thinking should be more logical.

THE life of a minor royalty isn't as privileged as you might think. Especially when it is a matter of car parking.

A car drove up to Covent Garden Opera House and with the help of a flunkey was reversing in to park when a policeman pointed out that there was a "No Parking" sign there.

"Move the car," he ordered. Instead the flunkey moved the "No Parking" sign, and the policeman promptly took him across to Bow-street station.

IN COURT next day the flunkey blandly explained that "this was the car of a titled gentleman and in order to park it I had to move the sign."

"Unwise, wasn't it?" commented the unimpressed magistrate, convicting him but deciding in the circumstances not to impose any penalty.

Whose car was it that was considered so important by the doorman that rules did not matter? Lord Harewood's.

SIX people—three men and three women, all good, intelligent citizens—were released from prison yesterday after serving two months each.

Why did they go to prison? Because of their conscientious objection to nuclear warfare. They demonstrated against it.

But this is a country of free speech. All citizens have the right to express their views on national policy.

Therefore I say that these over-long sentences were a disgrace to the country.

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WOMAN TELLS OF HER SURPRISE WHEN AN OFFICIAL SAID HE WOULD CUT OFF THE CURRENT

Meter-man threatens wife who paid bills late

Sunday Express Reporter

THE man from the electricity board called on Mrs. Thelma Osborn and said he had come to cut off the power. But the bill had been paid. And when she offered to fetch the receipt he said: "Don't bother—I know you've paid. I only called to give you a bit of a fright as you've been late in settling your account several times."

Mrs. Osborn, 25, of Station-avenue, Edgbaston, Birmingham, is demanding an explanation from the Midlands Electricity Board.

She said yesterday: "I was flabbergasted when this man explained that he had been sent round to emphasise that when they threatened to cut off the supplies they really mean it.

"He said that it costs the electricity board a great deal of money to send out reminders and warning notices and that by using these tactics they hoped to shock bad payers into settling their accounts earlier.

"I can understand the logic. Most women would be unnerved at the thought of being cut off, especially in the winter.

'Degrading'

"After a call like this, even if it does turn out to be a false alarm, they would probably badger their husbands into settling straight away in future.

"But it's a degrading way of going about things, and it could cause serious harm in a case of a woman with a weak heart or nervous disposition.

"I am also angry from a personal point of view because, although it is true we were late in settling our last bill, that was only because it was so high—over £40—that we asked to have the meter tested. The board are fully aware of this."

The board said: "This sounds very unusual and we will look into it. There's certainly no official policy of this nature but it is possible that one of our men might be acting on his own initiative."

'COUNCILS CAN PUT ACROSS SOCIALIST PLAN'—M.P.

LOCAL councils controlled by Socialist majorities can carry out Labour Party policies although a Tory Government is in office, Socialist M.P. Mr. Anthony Greenwood said yesterday.

For instance, they could press ahead with schemes for the "municipalisation" of rented property—one of the most controversial points in the Socialist programme at the General Election.

Speaking in London at the annual conference of Labour groups Mr. Greenwood said:—

"What we can accomplish at Westminster is limited, however active an Opposition we are, and the real chance to put over Labour's policy is yours.

"The greatest cities in the country, and important counties like London, Middlesex, and Lancashire, are Labour-controlled."

More happiness

On municipalisation of rented property, Mr. Greenwood said: "Although we have not got the Housing Act we should have liked, councils nevertheless have wide powers to acquire, convert, and improve houses under the existing Housing Acts.

"Some housing authorities have already done in parts of their own areas what we had hoped to do throughout the country.

"If all councils would push ahead with these schemes we could add greatly to the sum of human happiness.

"We hope too that a real effort will be made to see that councils make full use of their powers under the Housing Acts to help would-be owner-occupiers with mortgages, and to get improvements effected by landlords to rented houses."

'YES' SAYS MISS MARY TO No. 66

MISS MARY LANDON BAKER, Chicago-born poetess who has turned down 65 marriage proposals, has accepted the 66th.

She will marry Mr. Hugh William de Wet, English sculptor and writer.

Miss Baker became known as "the shy bride of 1922" when she failed to turn up for her society wedding in Chicago. She changed her mind five more times about marrying her fiance, millionaire's son Alistair McCormick.

In 1955, when she inherited £140,000 from her mother, she said: "I did not marry because I did not meet the right man, in the right place at the right time."

Miss Baker lives in St. James's Court, Westminster. Mr. de Wet, who is 50, has a studio in Church-street, Kensington.

Swastika men fined

David John Collins, 21, of Valley-road, Letchworth, Herts, and Richard John Andrews, 16, of Woodbine Cottage, Weston, near Baldock, were each fined £5 at Letchworth yesterday for painting swastikas on a cinema.

Bosun sentenced

PANAMA CITY, Saturday.—John Doyle, 50-year-old bosun of the 8,406-ton British freighter Port Fairy, has been sentenced to 18 months' jail for stabbing a seaman aboard their ship.

Cripples fight to keep jobs

A Government-sponsored factory providing work for disabled ex-Servicemen is having the opposite effect, it is claimed, to that originally intended — peace of mind.

It is the Thames-road, Barking, branch of Remploy, Ltd., where 113 cripples making chairs are staging a go-slow because their quota has been increased by 500 to 2,000 chairs a week. The men say this is beyond their endurance.

TURNCOAT CONDRON WEDS IN PEKING

He is so happy with his bride Jacqueline

Sunday Express Reporter

ANDREW CONDRON, the only British prisoner to stay in China after the Korean war, has married in Peking.

His bride is a young French girl who lived with her parents in the European quarter of Peking. Marine Condron, 32, who studied at Peking University, now teaches English in the city's Institute of Languages.

He told of his wedding in a letter to his father, 62-year-old Mr. Patrick Condron, of Traprain-crescent, Bathgate, West Lothian.

Condron enclosed photographs of his black-haired wife.

Mr. Patrick Condron said yesterday: "All we know is that her name is Jacqueline and they were married last September. I get the impression that Andrew met her at the university.

"I think her father is a business man. I expect Andrew will send more details soon. He is certainly very happy and he says they have their own home in Peking."

A surprise

Mr. Condron added: "Andrew's marriage was a surprise to the family. He gave no indication that he had a girl friend. Apparently he wrote earlier telling us that he was married, but two of his letters went astray.

"It would be grand if he could bring his wife home to meet us. I am sure he will come home one day. I don't think the authorities would be hard on him.

"After all no action was taken against the R.A.F. officer who returned from Russia recently [ex-Flying Officer Wraight]."

A Royal Marines spokesman has said that Condron would face a court martial if he returned to this country.

Flashback.—Condron decided to remain with the Communists six years ago with 21 American prisoners and 325 South Koreans. His mother, who had appealed to him to return home, died in November 1954.

THE PICTURE Andrew Condron sent home . . . his bride Jacqueline relaxes on a Chinese beach.

STAY-DOWN MINERS WILL GO IT ALONE

THE 147 stay-down miners at Betteshanger, Kent, heard yesterday that their plea to other pits to join the strike had been rejected.

At Snowdown, near Dover, 1,800 men turned down a union recommendation to strike in sympathy.

The 1,200 miners at nearby Tilmanstone made the same decision. But they agreed to a go-slow if the two other Kent collieries join them. The men at Chislet, near Canterbury, meet today.

The Betteshanger strikers, who are protesting against redundancy notices, sent out a message yesterday declaring they would "stick it out." A farmer has presented them with 100 chickens for their dinner today.

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DEMANDS BY INDUSTRY STRAIN RESOURCES

Now banks may clamp down on loans

Sunday Express Reporter

DRAMATIC action is expected soon in the City to put Britain's booming economy on to "the right lines." The great bankers, headed by Mr. Cameron Cobbold, Governor of the Bank of England, are in revolt against the tremendous demands being made on them for money by industrial companies seeking new capital to expand production.

They say their resources are strained to breaking point by the loans which industry needs to finance its ever-growing home and export markets plus the high upsurge in personal borrowings.

So a great and concerted clamp-down on loans and overdrafts may be in the wind.

A warning note was sounded by Mr. Cobbold in a speech at Liverpool on Friday. He pointed out that the money of 3,000,000 small investors was "chasing too few good shares."

Obviously, he felt that companies should be forced to go to their shareholders instead of to their banks for the cash they need.

But it goes deeper than that. Agitation is starting among back-bench Tory M.P.s against the practice of lending millions of pounds to the denationalised steel companies out of the public purse instead of forcing them to raise the cash from their shareholders.

£150 million sale?

What will be the result of this revolt against borrowed money? Hundreds of thousands of investors will find themselves asked to subscribe in the coming months for new issues of shares in the companies in which they have a stake.

And it is likely too that the Treasury will decide to sell off around £150 million worth of Preference shares and debentures in steel companies still owned by the Government six years after the first denationalisation took place.

VICAR BANS HYMNS FOR A BRIDE

Sunday Express Reporter

BRIDES who are not regular churchgoers should not expect to have hymns played at their weddings, a rector said yesterday.

The Rev. Charles W. Warner, 65-year-old bachelor rector of Farnham Royal, Buckinghamshire, was criticised last week by Mrs. Gwyneth Ellis, of Melbourne-avenue, Slough. She said he banned the singing of hymns at her daughter Moira's wedding.

Mr. Warner said: "Some people think they can use the church as a register office. Why should people who go to church only three times in their life—when they are baptised, when they are married, and when they die—have privileges paid for by regular churchgoers?"

Moira's wedding service was conducted by the curate, as Mr. Warner was ill.

The prisoner sends thanks

A man has written to the station-master at Temple Meads, Bristol, thanking the staff for their kindness to his blind wife.

They guided her through the barrier, carried her bags and helped with her two small children. She was on her way from Southampton to visit her husband—who is in Bristol's Horfield Jail.

Doctor who gave town a hospital

Dr. Carl von Bergen, a family doctor whose enthusiasm brought a modern hospital to Leatherhead, Surrey, has left £57,250.

When he died last November, aged 83, Dr. von Bergen had been in practice in Leatherhead for 55 years. He was a tireless campaigner for a hospital in the town, and received generous help from Lord Beaverbrook, whom he attended at nearby Cherkley for more than 40 years.

Church dividend

A £50,000 extension planned for Canterbury Roman Catholic church is to be paid for out of the profits of a church-run football pool, now bringing in £2,500 a year.

Car driver tries to ram P.C.

Police Constable Maurice Pearce, 28, jumped for his life when a car containing three youths was driven at him in Mortlake-road, Kew, last night. He put up his hand to stop the car because it resembled one which had been reported stolen.

Later the car was found abandoned.

Royal horse wins

The Queen Mother, accompanied by Princess Margaret, saw her horse Double Star win the Gainsborough Steeplechase at Sandown yesterday.

'CUT OFF' SON IS LEFT £5,000

Sunday Express Reporter

LIONEL RILEY LORD, dancing playboy who was cut off by his wealthy father two years ago, has received a £5,000 share of the family fortune.

Early in 1958 Captain Sydney Riley Lord, a former High Sheriff of County Durham, published a notice disclaiming responsibility for the debts of his 29-year-old son.

Captain Riley Lord died last November. His will, published yesterday, showed that Lionel had been left £5,000.

But Lionel's whereabouts are a mystery. He has not been seen recently around the debs' parties and hunt balls of Yorkshire. And the last time his three sisters saw him was at their father's funeral. He turned up unexpectedly and left immediately afterwards.

At the family's 100-acre estate at Neasham, near Darlington, one of the staff said: "He doesn't live here any more. We don't know where he is."

Captain Riley Lord, a racehorse owner—the Lincolnshire winner Babur came from his stables—left £176,198 gross (£103,436 net). Duty paid was £39,203.

Pawnbroker is murdered

The manager of a pawnbroker's was found battered to death in a room behind his shop at Blackburn yesterday. Lancashire police called in Scotland Yard and Detective Superintendent J. Davies and Detective Sergeant H. Heavens went to Blackburn.

The manager, Mr. Fred Ridgeway Gallagher, 55, of Hurstmere-avenue, South Shore, Blackpool, was found by a police constable who saw that the door of the shop was insecure. Police have been asked to look out for a small, dark man who was in the shop late on Friday afternoon.

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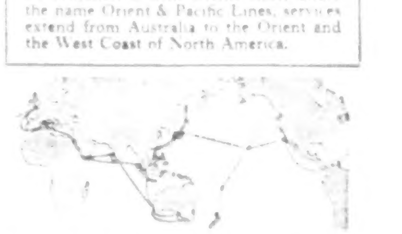

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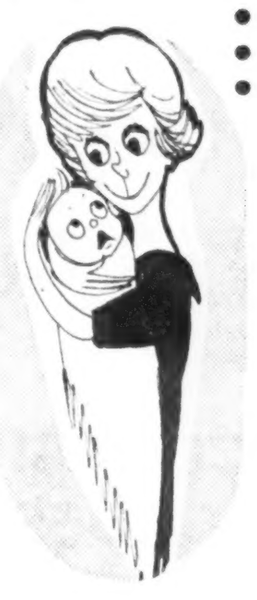
Babies! Just what CAN you believe?



WITH babies so very much in the news, now seems a particularly good time to consider the fearful decisions facing the mid-twentieth century mother.

From the first fatal moment when the doctor's casual nod sets the seal on her pear-shaped future, nothing—but *nothing*—barring the bare fact of her pregnancy, is certain.

Is she to spend the next nine months alternately exercising and relaxing in preparation for a painless party—and to blazes with anæsthetics? Or is she to leave it all to Pentothal and Trilene?

"Don't try to harden yourself, for it is quite possible to have too much sun and air and exercise," says Dr. John Gibbens, whose textbook, "The Care of Young Babies," now in its tenth edition, has been a bible to so many.

"I always advise that smoking should be stopped and no alcohol taken during pregnancy," preached the late Grantly Dick-Read.

Me?

After four confinements I insist that nothing, within reason, makes the slightest difference.

Champagne

I have exercised like mad . . . relaxed until I could practically have been *spooned* off the sofa . . . skipped anything as intoxicating as half a glass of cider.

Alternatively, I have lazed around, refusing to walk an extra inch, lapping up champagne whenever it was offered as compensation for my vanishing waistline, and driving myself everywhere. *Even to the nursing home.*

The end products were remarkably similar—six pounds-odd in weight, light pink and simian-eyed, with fascinating little star-shaped hands and a regrettable unreliability at either end.

The one thing that matters is that you go on a first-class diet and watch your weight.

To feed or not to feed the baby yourself?

"Clearly a young child who has recently undergone the great hazards of birth should be spared the risk of breaking this natural sequence of events and not be brought up on an alien milk never intended by Nature for him," says John Gibbens.

But today there are other vital considerations.

Ghastly

Will feeding a baby herself help a woman to regain those hour-glass curves?

"Yes," says one side. "No," says the other.

"Doesn't make a ha'p'orth of difference," says I—having fed one baby for three months and another for three *days*.

What does matter is never to drink all that ghastly milk some "experts" insist on ordering.

With one of my babies I drank the *lot*.

With the next I poured it down a convenient drain.

Both did splendidly.

But neither did quite so well as the toughest three-year-old I know (not mine!) who started on solid foods at a *FORTNIGHT*.

Which maybe proves that Nature no longer knows best.

Loving . . .

What matters most to a baby, I think, is a very great deal of loving—continuing into childhood. Loving and hugging—*unlimited!*

And that is something today's children do not get.

They may get spoiling.

They also get a darn sight too much shutting away with the television set and an early banishment to boarding school—which is equally regrettable.

Oddly enough, I've talked recently to a couple of child psychiatrists who subscribe to my old-fashioned point of view.

But then—these days you can always find an "expert" to back any theory.

Which is kind of comforting, isn't it?

● **Spring hats will be BIG hats—"important" is the word the milliners are bandying around.**

Deep cloche hats, sailors and bretons with large and generous brims, high-crowned hats to encompass high hair styles—all are on their way in.

From Jean Barthet in Paris comes this big-headed bit of nonsense in white with black trimmings.

The smaller picture shows Marie Laforêt in another black and white number picked for her by Barthet. (Remember he coaxed Bardot into hats?)

My six regrets—by Helena Rubinstein

I AM fascinated to find that beneath the bejewelled, Balenciaga-brocaded bosom of Helena Rubinstein there lurks a longing for something money cannot buy.

We took Russian tea together in her splendid hotel suite in London last week.

Lying on one of their deepest, softest sofas, Madam wore yet another version of her favourite Chinese-style tunic in silver and white. A silvery furred rug covered her legs.

There were diamonds the size of hazel nuts in her ears, bird's-egg-size pearls in three rows around her throat, a giant ruby on her left hand and more diamonds on the right.

Still her small dark eyes, set in a lively little gipsy-ish face, blazed brighter than any jewels.

Off again

We talked of her trip to Russia *("but I have been to so many places since then")* . . . the painting purchased on her behalf in Paris *("a Van Dongen—I've a photograph of it here somewhere")* . . . her portrait bought by Brazil's ambassador in London to hang in his country's fantastic new capital of Brasilia *("a hideous sketch it is and Chateaubriand paid so MUCH for it")* . . . and her next stop Madrid. *("Yes, I am off again soon. Partly business, partly pleasure.")*

We talked of the earrings I was wearing—"Five hundred old-style francs from the Prixunic and real brass or something," said I.

She took one and turned it over in small brown hands heavy with jewels.

"Real . . . what is *real*?" said Helena. "They suit you and that is all that matters."

We talked of me and my family for a moment. Then suddenly—"I should have had more children," said Madam . . . "Yes, I have had two sons; but I know that I should have had many."

Patrick, the tall, good-looking young American who is her personal manager, and Kay, her cool and efficient secretary, were quick with their protests . . . "But Madam, you have done so *much* with your life."

"How many would you have liked?" I asked.

"Six," said Helena firmly—"six more at *least*.

"A family is a wonderful thing. Looking back, one sees . . . so much. One child alone makes mistakes . . . bad marriages . . . is always a little insecure. . . . But with many together there is strength and courage and certainty."

Thwack!

I thought back to my elder son when he was small pummelling his sister good and hard, then turning suddenly with a hearty thwack across the ear for his friend who chose to join in—"Leave her alone. She's *my* sister."

Families undoubtedly have something.

But have they enough to outweigh the delights of a fabulous art collection, gilded great apartments in Paris and New York, a ranch in Australia, a picture-book mill near Fontainebleau, jewels, furs and clothes unlimited, plus the satisfaction of being the second richest woman in America?

"What is *real*?" she had said.

Any woman who is entirely honest with herself may be forgiven for thinking twice before answering this one.

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BIDDEN to a party to assist in the "launching" of a new perfume I could not help reflecting that the celebration might well have been confused with a mildly hilarious *wake*.

Almost every woman — and there were easily a couple of hundred present—wore BLACK.

I wish we could break away from this six o'clock uniform. (One of the few nonconformers in a cream and gold jumper suit shone like a star.)

Received by the president's wife *(black crepe)*, and her right-hand woman *(black satin)*, I found myself in company with a Miss Claire Voorhees *(black chiffon)* — a lively blonde with emerald green eyelids and one white sock.

Miss Voorhees, who must be the only character in Kitzbuhel to have broken a leg this season by falling out of a cab (hence the sock), was singularly informative on the subject of names for perfumes.

The launching, which was proceeding happily on a high tide of champagne, was, she told me, in honour of their latest.

"Our president dreamed the name up over in the States—but he has a wonderful talent for these things.

"The slogan that accompanies this one is *terrific*—'Even in the dark he will know it's you.'

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LIVING and learning as I delight in doing, I discovered last week. . . .

THAT a new nylon suede fabric is to be made up into singularly smashing car coats for next autumn and winter.

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"This is definitely on the secret list," said Mr. Michael, who made it.

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"Of course, 'fake furs' have been our speciality until now. But Mr. Alfred (his brother) woke up one morning and thought 'Suede'!

"Now here it is."

Smart work, Mr. Alfred.

THAT the percentage of seam-free stockings sold today is steadily rising.

"The youngsters are largely responsible for this," said Lionel Peel, of British Nylon Spinners. "Suddenly it's 'square' to wear seams.

"Maybe short skirts have something to do with it.

"For my part I feel mildly cheated if I don't see a seam."

I'm a seam-free fan myself.

THAT nylon sweaters need heavy handling when washing.

"The trouble with you girls is that you won't treat 'em rough," said Arthur Carrington, a Lancashire yarn salesman. "You want to *hammer* the yarn.

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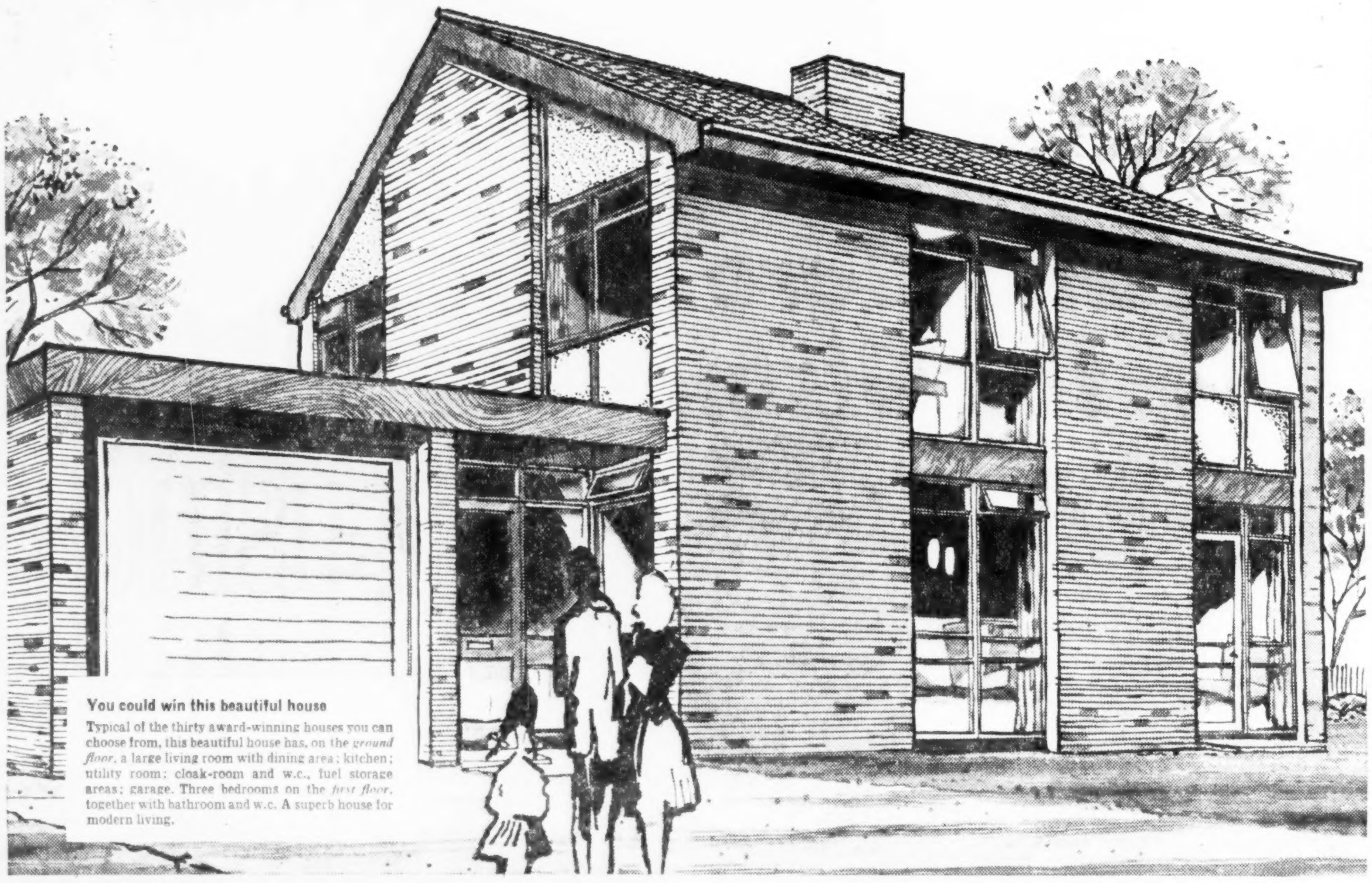

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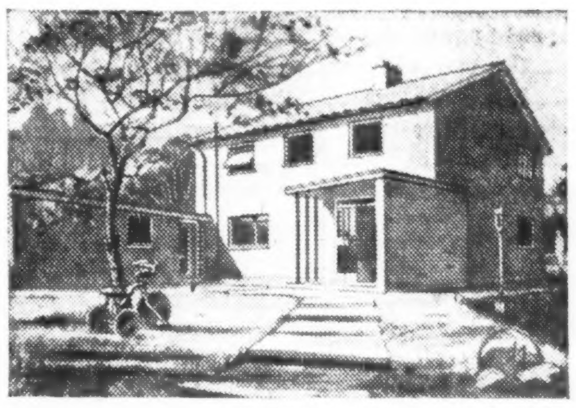
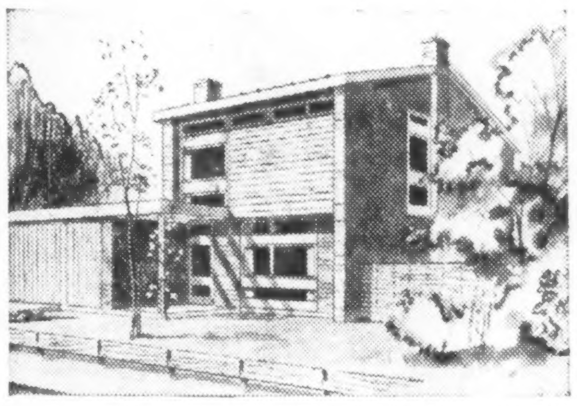
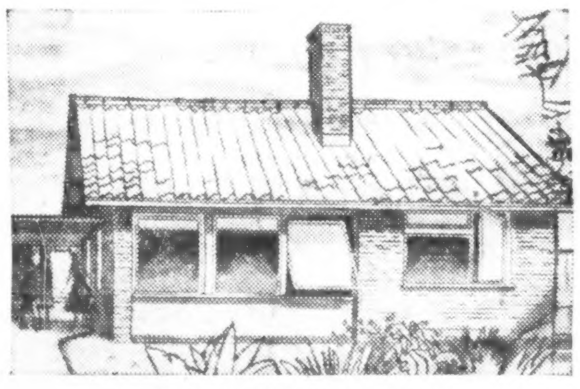


Three-bedroom home for a growing family.



Three-bedroom house for city or country



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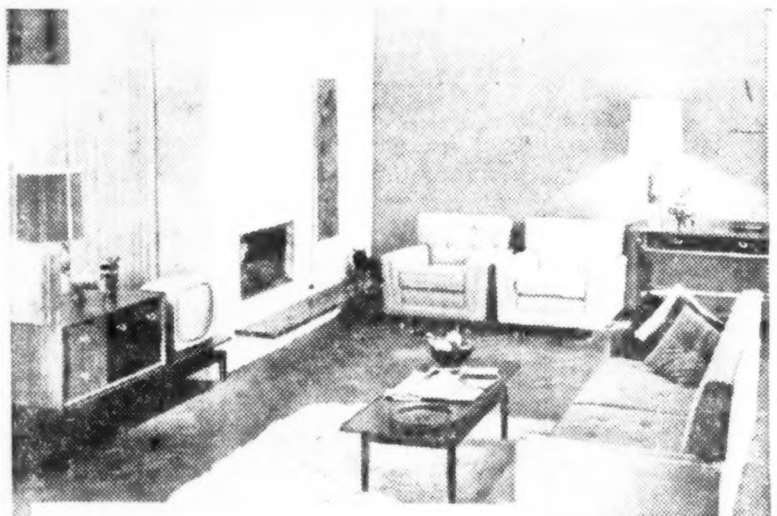

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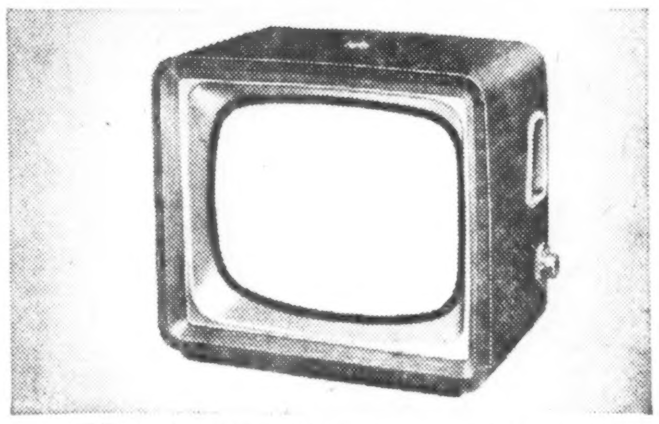

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THE NAZI and THE NUNS

THE nuns, the novice, and the Nazi—caught in a moment of violence in the controversial film *Conspiracy of Hearts* opening this week in London. The film is about an Italian convent whose nuns, during the war, helped to rescue Jewish children from a concentration camp. Here one of the terrified nuns (Yvonne Mitchell) screams as a German officer manhandles the novice (Sylvia Syms).

FILMS by DEREK MONSEY

How Mr. More sank the Bismarck

I DON'T know what romantical ideas the Swiss—or, for that matter, the Serbo-Croats—retain about war, but for the British there is still nothing that rouses the armchair heroic instinct so much as the sight of a lean-faced captain of the Royal Navy prowling the bridge of one of H.M. ships as it rules the waves on some coldly efficient, implacably lethal mission.

To my mind (the mind of an incompetent infantry man who hated the infantry) the romantic figure *par excellence* of the last war was the fighter pilot.

He was the only man who really and truly engaged in single combat: the only individual whose shoulders fitted the mantle of those knights of chivalry who charged (some of them to such little purpose) at Poitiers and Agincourt.

Even so, when I see this new film, *SINK THE BISMARCK* **(Odeon, Leicester Square)**, the sight of Captain Kenneth More striding across Trafalgar Square in the lee of Nelson's column is enough to raise a minor tremor of third-hand glory.

When it comes to the raking gaze of the Commander-in-Chief Home Fleet (Michael Hordern) peering like a disembodied wolf-hound through the mists which frustrate the battleship King George V, I am lost absolutely.

It is, I suppose, a matter of historical fact that the sinking of Hitler's, Germany's, and the world's most efficient and most nearly unsinkable battleship by the Royal Navy in 1941 was something of a fluke.

As this finely made (Lewis Gilbert directed it) and fascinating film shows, the hunt was dogged by ill-luck and inefficiency.

And yet, from the moment the new Director of Naval Operations (More), in his underground operations room fathoms beneath the Admiralty, received the message that Bismarck had put out into the North Sea in filthy weather, the end was plotted and charted with a merciless, desperate urgency.

Into the mist

Churchill's message: "... *I don't care how you do it. Sink the Bismarck,*" was not born of bravado.

Bismarck, free on the oceans, had the range and fire power to annihilate our convoys wholesale at a time when Britain's convoy life-line was already near to breaking.

The end, in fact, seemed certain once Bismarck was, and miraculously, sighted off Iceland and radar-trailed by two cruisers.

More, from Admiralty, brought "Good old Hood," the largest British battleship afloat, and the Prince of Wales in to intercept. But Hood, probably without firing even one salvo at Bismarck, blew up and all but three of her 1,500 men were lost. Prince of Wales, crippled, sailed back into the Scottish mists.

Bismarck steamed on, contemptuous of the cruisers shadowing her, scarcely touched by the few hits she had suffered.

More than 100 miles behind her, King George V and Rodney followed, helpless to catch up as Bismarck threw off her shadows and then steamed full speed towards Brest.

By mistake

Ark Royal, called in, flew her rickety-looking Swordfish off and they attacked the Sheffield by mistake. (Fortunately most of their torpedoes were duds and the cruiser survived.)

Then, however, the Swordfish did get Bismarck. Torpedoes hit her and at last she was badly hurt. But what finished her off so far as escape to safety was concerned was something which, with a bare edge of extra luck to the Germans, would have been a miss—a torpedo which just caught her stern and wrecked her rudder.

Unable to manœuvre, speed reduced, Bismarck could do little more than wallow on the edge of safety, waiting for the great ships and the little ones to close in and ring her and send her down.

She fought them until her guns were all wrecked. Until the C.-in-C. [illegible] on the bridge of George [illegible] watched the great ship heel over and sink and could call his yeoman signaller and give his laconic order: "*Make to Admiralty. Bismarck is sunk. Fleet is returning to Scapa Flow.*" And could then turn to his officers around him on the bridge and bark: "*Well, gentlemen, let's go home.*"

Deliberate

It was not exactly a glorious victory, and that is the saving grace of a film which otherwise, and inevitably, would add one more unwanted and unwarranted layer of romance and glamour to war.

The film has fictionalised the characters involved and given, deliberately and rightly, a completely false characterisation and importance to the Director of Operations.

Kenneth More playing him as a man "cold as a witch's heart" moves his ships about on the huge charts, reassembling a fleet, juggling with tonnage and lives, oblivious of everything but the imperative need to sink the Bismarck.

His is a fine, withdrawn performance. He even manages to look a bit like a Mountbatten.

The only big mistake in the film is the treatment of the German Admiral Lutyens and the Bismarck's Captain Lindeman: the one, a fanatical Nazi made to look an idiot, the other shown as something more human, but wallowing in depression from beginning to end.

Except that it will be as popular in Germany as in Britain, I cannot think quite why this particular naval battle has been filmed. But it has been filmed brilliantly.

TODAY'S TV...

BBC TV

11, **Service of Baptism.**
12.40, **Weather; Farming**—Lambing.
1.15, **O Sul I Sul.**
1.30, **Croeso.**
2.5, **Phil Silvers Show**—Bilko Talks in His Sleep.
2.30, **Film**: Spirit of the People.
4.15, **Ask Me Another.**
4.50, **Sooty.**
5, **The Secret Garden** (serial).
5.30, **Faraway Look**—with Peter Scott.
6, **Sunday Special**—Maker's Instructions.
6.10, **News; Weather.**
6.15, **Nesau at Dduw.**
7, **Meeting Point** (religion).
7.25, **News.**
7.30, **What's My Line?**
8, **Play**: Macadam and Eve.
9.30, **News.**
9.35, **Monitor**—guests include Lawrence Durrell.
10.20, **Tamas Vasary** (piano).

LONDON—ITV

11.15, **Service**—from Bolton Parish Church, Lancs.
1.15, **Showbiz Soccer.**
2.20, **Free Speech.**
2.45, **Music Shop.** Guests include Rawicz and Landauer.
3.10, **Film**: The Man Who Could Work Miracles.
4.40, **Get This!**
4.50, **Counter-attack.**
5.20, **William Tell.**
5.50, **It Can Happen Tomorrow.**
6.5, **News.**
6.15, **About Religion**—Visit to a Jesuit Retreat.
7.25, **News.**
7.30, **Interpol Calling**—Payment in Advance.
8, **Palladium Show**—starring Pat Boone.
9, **News.**
9.5, **Play**: Come In Razor Red.
10.5, **Maverick.**
11, **The Invisible Man.**

MIDLANDS, NORTH ITV

11.15, **Service.** 1.15, **Show Biz Soccer.** 2.20, **Free Speech.** 2.45, **Film**: Reluctant Heroes. 4.5, **Time to Remember (1927).** 4.35, **Torchy.** 4.50, **Counter-attack** (Episode 5). 5.20, **Tomahawk.** 5.45, **What's in Store.** 6.5, **News.** 6.15, **Sunday Break.** 7, **About Religion.** 7.25, **News.** 7.30, **Flying Doctor.** 8, **Palladium Show.** 9, **News.** 9.5, **Play.** 10.5, **Maverick.** 11, **African Patrol; Epilogue.**

SOUTH WALES, WEST OF ENGLAND ITV

11.15, **Choral Eucharist.** 1.15, **Show Biz Soccer.** 2.20, **Free Speech.** 2.45, **Film**: Calling Paul Temple. 4.5, **Studio Showcase.** 4.20, **Crunch and Des.** 4.50, **Abracadabra!** 5.20, **The Buccaneers.** 5.50, **It Can Happen Tomorrow.** 6.5, **News.** 6.15, **The Sunday Break.** 7, **About Religion.** 7.25, **News.** 7.30, **Highway Patrol.** 8, **Palladium Show.** 9, **News.** 9.5, **Play.** 10.5, **77 Sunset Strip.** 11, **Mantovani; Weather.**

SOUTHERN ITV

11.15, **Service.** 1.15, **Soccer.** 2.20, **Farm in the South.** 2.45, **Music Shop.** 3.10, **Film**: Stranger at My Door. 4.35, **Come Gardening.** 4.50, **Counter-Attack** (Episode 5). 5.20, **Lassie.** 5.50, **Value for Money.** 6.5, **News.** 6.15, **The Sunday Break.** 7, **About Religion.** 7.25, **News.** 7.30, **Interpol Calling.** 8, **Palladium Show.** 9, **News.** 9.5, **Play.** 10.5, **Maverick.** 11, **Melvillainy.**

ANGLIA ITV

11.15, **Service.** 1.15, **Soccer.** 2.30, **Farming Diary.** 3.10, **Film**: The Man Who Could Work Miracles. 4.35, **Merry Go Round.** 4.50, **Counter Attack.** 5.20, **William Tell.** 5.50, **It Can Happen Tomorrow.** 6.5, **News.** 6.15, **Sunday Break.** 7, **About Religion.** 7.25, **News.** 7.30, **Interpol Calling.** 8, **Palladium Show.** 9, **News.** 9.5, **Play.** 10.5, **Maverick; Epilogue.**

AND RADIO

HOME 7.50, Reading. 7.55, Weather. **8, News.** 8.18, Airs and Graces. **8.55, Weather.** 9, News. **9.10, Home For The Day.** 9.45, Morning Service. **10.15,** Music Magazine. **11.35,** Your Concert Choice.

12.10 The Critics. 12.55, Weather. 1, News. 1.10, Country Questions. **1.40,** Can I Help You? **2,** Gardeners' Question Time. **2.30,** Symphony Concert. **3.11,** Talk. **3.26,** Concert (Part 2). **4.15,** Brains Trust. **5,** Children. **5.50,** Money Matters. 5.55, Weather. **6,** News. Newsreel.

6.45 Grand Hotel. **7.30,** Letter from America. 7.45, Way of Life. **8.25,** Good Cause. **8.30,** Sense and Sensibility (Episode 2). **9,** News. **9.15,** Portrait of Lord Kitchener. **10.15,** International Concert. **10.30,** Epilogue. **11,** News; Weather. **11.6,** Music at Night.

LIGHT 8.55, Weather. **9,** Sandy Macpherson. 9.30, A Sequence of Music. **9.45,** The Archers. **10.30,** Simple Melody. **11,** Have A Go! **11.30,** People's Service. **12,** Family Favourites.

1.15 Billy Cotton Band Show. 1.45, Educating Archie. **2.15,** Ray's A Laugh. 2.45, Movie-Go-Round. **3.30,** Melody Hour. **4.30,** The Thirty-Nine Steps (Episode 5). **5,** Holiday Hour. **6,** Sing Something Simple. **6.30,** The Navy Lark. **7,** Take It From Here. **7.30,** News.

7.35 Just For You (records). **8.30,** Sunday Half-Hour. **9,** Knight and the Music. **10,** Your Hundred Best Tunes. **10.30,** News. **10.40,** Pete Murray. **11.30,** Easy to Remember. **11.50,** End of the Day. **11.55,** Late News.

NETWORK THREE 2.40, Russian for Beginners. **3,** Sound (for radio and recording enthusiasts). **3.30,** Bridge. **4,** Chess. **4.30,** Talking About Music.

THIRD 5, Rawsthorne Sonata (1937). **5.20,** Free Fall—Paul Scofield. **7.5,** Dardanus (Lyric Tragedy). **7.50,** Law in Action. **8.10,** Dardanus (Acts 2 and 3). **9,** The Nineteen-sixties. **9.20,** Dardanus (Acts 4 and 5). **10.15,** Ezra Pound.

LUXEMBOURG 6, Beaver Club. **6.15,** Tune a Minute. **6.45,** Marty Wilde Show. **7,** Jack Jackson's Juke Box. **7.30,** Swoon Club. **7.45,** Winifred Atwell Show. **8,** Hughie Green. **8.30,** Take Your Pick. **9,** Calling the Stars. **9.30,** Irish Hospitals Goodwill Programme. **10,** Records. **10.30,** Quiz Time. **11,** Top Twenty. **12,** Top Rank Time.

AFN (excerpts). **6.30,** Johnny Dollar. **7.5,** People Are Funny. **7.30,** Mitch Miller. **8.15,** Trio. **10.30,** Romance in Music. **11.5,** Symphonette.

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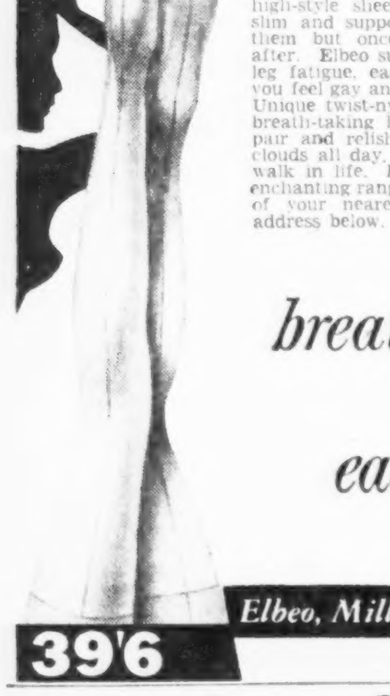

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TV'S NEWEST PERSONALITY BROODS OVER THE PROBLEM OF SUCCESS

Mr. Conway is so lonely on his pedestal

THE MODEST MISS LARSEN

● This is Ulla Larsen. She is Danish, 18, and has had one small film role. "I was terrible," she says. "Hollywood? Not for me, thank you." But, understandably, film producers in Copenhagen are trying to pierce this surprising modesty with offers of other roles.

WHAT do you want from your television stars? Are you content to have them doing what they do best—singing and dancing; playing an instrument or playing the fool?

by PETER DACRE

Or do you want them all to become amateur compères, diffidently and painfully doing the most difficult job in show business?

I ask this question because there is a trend running rampant in TV today. It consists of taking a successful performer, giving him his own show and turning him into a compère and interviewer.

Perry Como started it—and he does it superbly. But we are less fortunate in Britain. Here, we have an assorted collection—which includes singers, comedians, conductors, and a magician—who compère and interview guests in a mediocre manner.

How much better it would be to have them sticking to their own jobs. How much less embarrassing to the viewers if the TV chiefs devoted their energies to finding some good and natural comperes.

'HE'S NICE'

The latest in the line of performers-turned-compères is pianist Russ Conway, who has just started his own series.

You have seen Mr. Conway on TV before, effectively playing his own best-selling jingle-jangle tunes such as *Sidesaddle* and *Roulette*.

He is a good popular pianist. He is handsome and modest-mannered. Occasionally he smiles shyly at the camera.

I asked the barmaids in my local what they thought of him as a television performer. They said: "Oh! He's nice."

Five years ago he was in the Merchant Navy, playing in pubs around the world. Stomach trouble forced him ashore. He worked in clubs and accompanied singers. Only last year did he produce *Sidesaddle*. Since then he has sold more than 2,000,000 records.

Now he is in the £1,000-a-week class.

But does all this warrant making him a TV personality? Should he not stick to his piano?

I put the question to Conway. He said: "*I know this sounds like blowing my own trumpet, but I think people like me for something more than my piano playing.*"

I told Conway there had been times when he had seemed to me scared stiff on TV.

He said: "*I was.*"

I pointed out that then he was only sitting at a piano doing what comes naturally. Wasn't he worried about standing up away from the piano?

"*It's the thing I think about in bed at night. It gives me nightmares,*" he said.

Is it wise for pianist Conway to try to modulate into a TV personality?

"*It's an obvious move to make at this time,*" he said.

I could see his point. At 33, Conway is at the crossroads of his brief career. How long can he go on being a successful recording artist? How long will his tinkle-tinkle bar-room piano continue to sell?

Sailor Conway (he won the D.S.M. in minesweepers during the war) is already taking avoiding action on that one. "*I'm working on a new sound now,*" *he said.*

But this is not the only problem worrying Conway. He is, he admits, a split-personality. He is Russ Conway, pianist. And he is also, under his real name of Trevor H. Stanford, composer and song-writer.

There are times when he gets depressed about this personal tug of war.

"*I wouldn't mind if Conway died tomorrow,*" he said. "*Then Stanford could take over. I much prefer him. He's the fellow who keeps Conway in check.*"

HOW LONG?

How long will Conway last? "*I suppose as long as my looks and my teeth.*"

He gazed into a small brandy. "*I'm in one of my 'is-it-worth-it?' moods. I've gone up WHOOSH—and I'm still going up. I've got everything I want and nothing I want. I know this sounds rehearsed, but I really feel it.*

"*I want to compose, but I can't get the time for running around doing all the things that are supposed to go with success. Sometimes I think I'll go back to the Navy. Success is great, but is also very lonely. I'm up there on top of a pedestal and there are a lot of little men chipping away at the post.*

"*People won't let you be the person you are. I tell you, I find myself getting hard when it comes to dealing with them.*"

RUSS CONWAY
He smiles shyly

A BASEMENT

What blessings has success brought Conway? Fully aware of the crossroads he has not splashed his money.

"*It's not my nature to be extravagant,*" he explains. "*I'm spending no more on myself now than three years ago. I've been a long time getting where I am. I've been on National Assistance before now.*

"*Every cheque I get I send half to my accountant for paying tax. He has more of my money than I have.*"

Conway has a flat in an expensive area off London's Edgware-road—but it is a basement flat.

It is plainly and sparsely furnished. He has just swopped one second-hand baby grand piano for another second-hand one costing £125.

The only expensive touch is a stereophonic gramophone, obtained at cost price from his record company.

He has a "couple of new suits"—made in the Elephant and Castle at 25 guineas a time. His car is a second-hand popular model.

"*I would like a Bentley, though. Not a Rolls. That would be too flashy. I think I'll get one later this year. I'm topping the bill at the London Palladium all summer. It might look a bit odd turning up in a second-hand car.*"

HEARTACHES

Conway's success (*"I never thought it would be this big"*) is based undoubtedly on his appeal to all kinds of people. His fan mail comes from all ages.

His fans cause Conway some heartaches. Until recently he had a fan club of 2,000, paying 6s. each for membership. But he has now disbanded it.

"*There were some branches I had no control over, and I didn't like that,*" he explained.

It was typical of Conway—or should it be Stanford? He is a man who likes to have control over what he is doing. Whether he can keep control of Russ Conway, Television Personality, is one of the most intriguing questions in show business today.

THEATRE

BRUSH UP YOUR SOHO

FINGS AIN'T WOT THEY USED T'BE (Garrick) is certainly not a show for maiden aunts. Though I doubt, at the same time, if it will bring a blush to the cheek of the palest maiden niece.

This piece—flimsy story with jingly, reminiscent songs here and there—is set entirely in sewer Soho. In the shabby spieler (gambling den) of a run-down, razor-slashed crook called Fred who, with his girl friend Lily, moans that things have changed for the worse.

Round their "gaff" (joint) the ponces, "brasses" (prostitutes), and layabouts thieve and hide and gamble and wail. The police sergeant on their "manor" is corrupt, has to be bought off.

Rose-tinted

Then Fred has a win on the horses and decides to make a come-back. He has the gaff done up contemporary, buys Lil a new dress, announces an "opening night," and then gets cut up by a jealous rival called Meataxe. So he bribes a shady priest to marry him and Lil out on the pavement and leaves the spieler to the corrupt copper, now turned honest crook.

Fings Ain't Wot They Used T'Be looks at Soho through rose-tinted spectacles: its little story is as sentimental as that of any Ruritanian musical. What gives it guts—and it has got guts—is the uninhibited use of a fantastical jargon: Frank Norman can spread a rich verbal manure over a scene so that it seems to sprout into something like real life.

And, in Joan Littlewood's fussy, enthusiastic, brash, and tireless over-production (the way she makes actors exaggerate and mug must embarrass them as much as it does an audience at times), there is enough noise and bang and gusto to conceal that it's all really much ado about nothing.

★

THE Old Vic has an impoverished-looking and very uneven new production of *ST. JOAN*—but for all that the good in it is so good that it makes the trip across the river for once really worth while.

Barbara Jefford, simple, sincere, and straight, is a remarkably good Joan; a lovely performance which will grow in splendour as the weeks pass. Robert Harris and Walter Hudd speak beautifully for the Church. And, above all, there is the genius of Shaw; the intellect, the words, the glory of fair argument brilliantly made.

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COMPANY MEETINGS

STEWARTS AND LLOYDS, LIMITED

MR. A. G. STEWART ON A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

OVERALL FUTURE TRADING PROSPECTS REMAIN GOOD

NATIONALISATION—RUINOUS DOCTRINE REJECTED BY ELECTORATE

A NOTE OF WARNING ON POTENTIAL THREAT

FINANCING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

The Seventieth Annual General Meeting of Stewarts and Lloyds, Limited, was held on February 10th, in the Merchants' Hall, 30, George Square, Glasgow.

The Chairman, Mr. A. G. Stewart, presided and said:—

"Ladies and Gentlemen, it gives me much pleasure to address this, the Seventieth Annual General Meeting of the Company. As in previous years, I assume you will take the Notice of the Meeting as read, and I will, therefore, ask the Secretary to read the Auditors' Report."

After the Auditors' Report had been read the Chairman continued:—

"A copy of the Directors' Report was contained in the copy of the Accounts circulated to each shareholder on the 14th January. My Statement was also included with the Accounts. I assume you will take these all as read. (Agreed.)

I am now going, therefore, to propose the Resolution to adopt the Report and Accounts. If you have any questions arising out of the Accounts, would you ask these immediately after the Resolution has been proposed and seconded. When this Resolution has been dealt with, I shall continue with the other formal business of the meeting and after that, I propose to refer to the trading experience of the current year and to the subject of nationalisation, and one or two other matters. I suggest, therefore, that any questions you have on these subjects should be raised at that stage in the proceedings."

After the Report and Accounts had been adopted, the dividend recommendation approved, the retiring Directors re-elected and the remuneration of the Auditors approved, the Chairman continued:—

CURRENT TRADING POSITION

"The improvement in the home trade and in the general export trade to which I referred in my Statement issued with the Accounts, and which was prepared in December last, has been well maintained and future trading prospects remain good. These sections normally account for two-thirds of Stewarts and Lloyds' steel tube production.

Our iron and steel plants are working to full capacity.

The improvement in Stanton's trade also continues.

The position so far as our trade with the Oil Companies is concerned is unfortunately not as satisfactory. My Statement with the Report and Accounts showed that despatches to the Oil Industry in the last financial year were 41% lower than in 1957/58. I can say that other European tubemakers have had a similar experience in their exports for the Oil Industry.

As to the future, the present indications are that the tonnage which the Oil Industry will take from us during the current financial year will show a distinct improvement on the very low figures for 1959 but it will probably be some time before the demand which we previously anticipated, and for which we have provided specialised equipment, materialises.

NATIONALISATION

By a very clear majority the advocates of nationalisation were rejected by the electors in October last, and although their defeat was on a comprehensive programme, there seems to be general agreement that the advocacy of this unjustified and ruinous doctrine was one of the main causes of their defeat.

We have, during the last two years, made every effort to refute publicly the accusations levelled by the advocates of nationalisation—entirely false accusations of monopoly and inefficiency, of self-seeking at the nation's expense, of reckless pursuit of profits, of failure to exploit foreign markets and of excessively high prices to the home consumer—all aggravated the difficulties with which we were faced at a time of a marked fall in the demand for our products. Not only did they tend to affect our trading but also our recruitment and relations with our employees. The feeling of insecurity about the future made it increasingly difficult to raise the large sums of capital required for the development needed to keep the Company abreast or ahead of its competitors in this country and abroad.

There is no doubt that our efforts, and those of others, were successful in helping to raise this question of nationalisation from being a minor issue in politics to its proper place as a vitally important issue in the industrial and economic life of the nation, and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the many people, not only shareholders and employees, but also other members of the public who have given their encouragement and support.

Since last October the general opinion may be gaining ground that the threat of nationalisation has gone for good and all. I would, however, sound a note of warning. What, in fact, is the position today? It is quite clear that the advocates of nationalisation have not accepted the verdict of the electorate, and whether nationalisation of the Iron and Steel Industry, and, indeed, of many other industries, shall remain part of the Socialist programme is undecided. It may be that no definite decision will be taken for two or three years, and even then the position may not be clarified.

I believe that private enterprise must continue to be watchful, and I would express the hope that if the threat should arise again, private enterprise should react to it more quickly and more forcefully than it did to the recent threat.

FINANCE

The efficient financing of our development plans will depend on freedom from uncertainties on this question of nationalisation. As will have been seen from the published Accounts, our outstanding capital expenditure schemes at the end of the financial year amounted to nearly £19 million.

But we must continue to spend capital on many varied items of development, plant and machinery to keep ourselves up to date and to expand our production. As an indication of this, you will have seen reference in my Statement with the Accounts to the consideration that is being given to the further expansion of our capacity.

It will be our intention, as hitherto, to finance our capital expenditure substantially out of retained profits and we shall also continue to make use, from time to time, of the facilities offered to us by our Bankers. We intend, however, as previously, at appropriate times to ask for the support of our shareholders in the raising of additional money. There is no intention of any such approach at present but we have thought it desirable to ask you to agree to an increase in our authorised capital from £40 million to £60 million at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held after this meeting. At the present time, our issued capital is within £3 million of our authorised capital and I am sure you will agree that this is an insufficient margin for a company of our size.

Following the Rights Issue, the final instalment of which was received last month, it is estimated that we shall have about 27,000 shareholders on our register. This compares with 12,000 following denationalisation in June, 1954. It has not yet been possible to prepare an analysis of shareholdings but it is encouraging to note how the interest of the small investor in the Company is increasing. It may also interest shareholders to know that the Stewarts and Lloyds Group has at the present time over 40,000 employees in the United Kingdom.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, may I say that a great opportunity is opening up before us. Let us hope that we are left alone to carry on our task of serving the country without interference or obstruction by the dogma of any political party."

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman and the Board for their efforts in withstanding nationalisation, and for their conduct of the Company's affairs during that time, and in a period of difficult trading conditions.

At the Extraordinary General Meeting which followed the Annual General Meeting a resolution was passed authorising an increase in the Authorised Capital from £40 million to £60 million by the creation of 20 million unclassified shares of £1 each.

JOHN HOLT & COMPANY (LIVERPOOL) LIMITED

The 63rd annual general meeting of John Holt and Company (Liverpool) Limited will be held on March 4th at Liverpool.

In his circulated Statement the Chairman, Mr. John A. Holt, said that the accounts turned out much better than he had attempted to prophesy last year. The improvement was achieved, to some extent, by better margins on merchandise and produce and clearance of high stocks of produce carried over from the previous year also, although freight rates had not shown a like improvement, the results were in fact materially better than had been anticipated.

He also commented on the fact that the Group results had provided evidence of the value of the policy of diversification which was now being actively pursued and in this connection he referred to the further recent diversification whereby a 50% share had been taken with the Westminster Dredging Company Limited in a partnership which intended shortly to build a suction dredger of the most modern type. He also announced that the Company had recently purchased a vineyard in Bordeaux. This vineyard produces Chateau Rausan-Ségla, a deuxième crû classe of the Medoc, and is situated in the commune of Margaux.

He continued: the Group trading and operating profit is the highest achieved in its history, and the net profit after tax is almost double that of any previous year.

The final dividend payment has been raised to 17%, making a total of 20% for the full year. Your Board feel that subject, of course, to any unforeseen event occurring, your Company will be in a position at least to maintain a dividend on the existing ordinary capital of the Company at this rate.

Mr. Holt then commented on steps that were being taken to obtain a Stock Exchange quotation for the equity capital in order that shareholders might have a marketable security in their hands and to remove certain restrictions which had hitherto caused difficulties for the Company in its endeavour to expand and organise on a more efficient and commercial basis.

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It would have crippled industry and slashed the earnings of great companies.

Against this sombre background any real weakness in the market would have become apparent. Yet instead of selling, there was buying.

Now the horizon has cleared. The strike hurricane has been turned aside. And all that is left in its place is a moaning little breeze generated in the Bank of England where Governor Cobbold has been sadly reflecting that "too much money is chasing too few good shares."

Of course Mr. Cobbold is right. In prosperous Britain the weight of money seeking investment mounts constantly.

But that is no cause for pessimism. Indeed, I would say that when this traditionally dull time of year ends around Budget time, prices will start climbing again, despite the fact that we may see many new share issues.

CITY COMMENT

"I'm sorry this is necessary, Frelby, but I'm going to make an example of you for being late."

BOWLER HATTED

IT IS St. Valentine's Day and like a bowler-hatted financial Cupid, I send a few complimentary arrows whizzing about.

The first to receive a shaft is Colonel Kingsmill, late chairman of Taylor Walker and, in my estimation, one of the most able brewers in the country.

KINGSMILL

His company was taken over by Ind Coope and when this gallant ex-soldier consented to be a director of the new combine he naturally expected to have his talents used.

But I hear a sad tale. It is said that in the Ind Coope boardroom there is a kind of cabal called "A committee of management" and that the other directors can play marbles for all this committee cares.

Unfortunately it might appear that Billy Kingsmill is among the marble players.

AVOIDING ACTION

ALL THIS must have put the colonel in a great huff. But luckily for him he has the consolation of being chairman of the £7,000,000 Slough Estates which owns sites for factories in Australia, Canada, and Birmingham as well as in Buckinghamshire.

It rakes in the money and expands all the time. And, having been once bitten by Ind Coope, Colonel Kingsmill will doubtless take every step to see that the price of Slough shares is maintained at a high level in the market. Which is, of course, the only way to hold off the take-over boys.

These shares are on a pretty thin yield basis at 39s. But if they slip back temporarily buy them for the reasons I have given.

CHANGE OVER

WHILE the colonel reluctantly moves from his brewer's chair Sir Edward Chadwyck-Healey retires as boss of Charringtons of his own volition. When a great shout arose last summer that many pubs should be closed and turned into shops and offices this baronet remarked that licensed premises were *"neither easy to change with advantage nor to replace."*

This put a stop to rumours that Charringtons might sell off their less profitable inns.

Now, however, Mr. John Charrington sits in Sir Edward's place and may think that it might be wise to follow the example of Mr. Simon Combe, of Watneys.

The latter has formed Watney Mann Property Company which has taken over £4,600,000 worth of pubs and other buildings "suitable for early development."

The 5s. Watney property shares are expected to open in the market at around 7s. They should be worth having and if Charringtons follow suit, their property shares too may prove a bargain.

REJOICING

"Where Hugh the Scottish draper ran
Past counters measureless to man
Down to his canteen tea"

NO MAN rejoices more than Hugh Fraser at the cancellation of the rail strike. Now he is back from his Swiss holiday he will skip past the endless counters of his great London stores with gay abandon.

The bus strike in 1958 came as a dreadful shock. He had recently seized control of Barkers, Pontings, and Derry and Toms and suddenly the customers became as scarce as Abominable Snowmen when they found themselves chased by the reporters of a well-known daily paper.

FRASER

What would have befallen if the railways and the tubes had both been out at the same time the great draper does not care to think about.

How drearily his shares would have fallen. And as a concomitant, how it would have thwarted his desire to absorb yet other stores and achieve his final objective of being bigger even than Mr. Bedford of Debenhams, who is, of course, the biggest thing in drapery.

As it is the sun shines again and it seems to me that House of Fraser shares must be a good speculation.

EXPANDING

BEFORE Sir Ellis Hunter, chief of Dorman, Long the steel makers and bridge builders, opens a glittering prospect.

The recent cut in steel prices is bringing about a boom in orders for the type of goods the company makes.

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So though you may show a fine profit on your holding of Dorman, Long do not sell. The company has a fine and expanding future.

WORTH HAVING

ANOTHER boss deserves favourable mention. I refer to Mr. R. S. W. Clarke, the new chairman of Imperial Tobacco.

He is a man of foresight. He puts his dividend up when his profits fall. And for a simple reason. Already he senses that the earnings tide has turned.

I regard Imps as a very fine company, and all the directors are as keen as mustard and rush to every board meeting.

Well they might, from what I hear. They share £318,000 a year between 30 of them, which works out at just over £10,000 apiece.

But on top of that there is apparently a splendid system under which the directors get paid by results. The more effective they are the higher the profits and the greater their pay. Playing truant from Imps must be one of the most expensive pleasures in Britain.

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COMPANY MEETING

THE LANCASHIRE STEEL CORPORATION LIMITED

RECORD PRODUCTION AND EARNINGS IN 1959

SIR JOHN JAMES' REVIEW

The 30th annual general meeting of The Lancashire Steel Corporation Limited was held on February 11 at Warrington.

In the absence of Sir John James, the Chairman, The Earl of Crawford, K.T., G.B.E., Vice-Chairman, presided.

The following are extracts from the Chairman's Review:

I am glad to be able to report a considerable increase of just over £700,000 in the Manufacturing and Trading Profit for the year compared with that of the preceding year. In view of circumstances to which I shall refer later, I regard this as not only most satisfactory, but as a very notable achievement. The profit, after deducting Depreciation and Reserve for Replacement of Fixed Assets of £1,275,000 in total, is approximately £3,480,000, and is, I believe, a record in the history of the Company to date. I emphasise "to date" as I have every hope that it will not long remain a record.

The total income before Taxation amounted to £3,873,000, from which it is necessary to provide £1,950,000 for Taxation, leaving a net income of £1,923,000.

The Directors declared an Interim Dividend of 5% on the original Ordinary Share Capital of £4,500,000, and now recommend a Final Dividend of 6% on the Capital as increased to £9,000,000 by the issue of 4,500,000 new Ordinary Shares as a free Scrip Issue on 24th September last. The effect of this Interim and Final Dividend is that an effective rate of 8½% has been paid or recommended for the year just ended on the present Ordinary Capital of £9,000,000.

Once again the Consolidated Balance Sheet shows a very strong financial position. Current Assets exceeding Liabilities by over £7½ million. This is actually an increase of over £1,000,000 compared with the excess a year ago, despite the fact that Capital Expenditure during the year amounted to over £2,000,000.

The surplus will be of the greatest assistance in enabling us to meet the further Development Programme to which I shall refer later.

The most notable feature of the year just concluded was the extraordinary difference in the demand for our products, particularly small sections, rods and wire.

The rod and wire trade has always been subject to a certain amount of sudden swings in demand, but in all my years of experience I have never known quite such a sudden and complete reversal as occurred about May, 1959, and which applies, not only to this Company but to the country as a whole; indeed, the shortage appears to be world-wide as it is impossible to supplement the supplies available in this country by purchases from abroad, either at a reasonable price or with reasonable dates of delivery. In view of this position your Directors have decided to install with the utmost possible speed a new Rod and Bar Mill at the Irlam Works. It is hoped that the Mill will be in production in the Spring or early Summer of next year. If it is it will go some way towards alleviating the present shortage of rods in this country and in satisfying our customers' demands.

Production from our Steel Works during 1959, although curtailed in the early part of the year due to the shortage of demand, finally finished at the highest yearly tonnage we have yet achieved, whilst the final quarter's tonnage was at an even higher annual rate.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Our 1953/58 Development Scheme is now virtually complete. We are now ready to embark upon our 1960/65 Development Scheme, under which it is our intention, subject to planning approval, to increase our ingot production to some 800,000/900,000 tons per year.

To achieve this a further Ore Preparation Plant, including a Sinter Plant and a third large-capacity blast furnace, will be installed at the Irlam Works together with a third open hearth furnace and, if approved, the electric furnace mentioned last year. Under the scheme the Warrington Works will be modernised and the finished wire capacity of Rylands Brothers and Whitecross Companies raised.

We estimate that this programme will involve an expenditure of some £9,000,000, and we confidently expect that it will raise the output and standard of efficiency at all our Works to the very highest level.

In past years I, in common with the Chairmen of other Steel Companies, have expressed opposition to the principle of nationalisation. I need now merely say that the electorate in the recent Election decisively rejected this proposal, and I hope that the peril of nationalisation, under which the Steel Industry has suffered so long, has now been removed for all time.

In conclusion, the success of our efforts for the past year is before you, and I have every confidence that the future programme will be equally successful. Our financial position is strong enough to enable us to complete this programme from our own resources or with only some small assistance from our Bankers. We are ambitious for the future of our Company and firmly believe that what others can do we can do at least as well.

The report and accounts were adopted.

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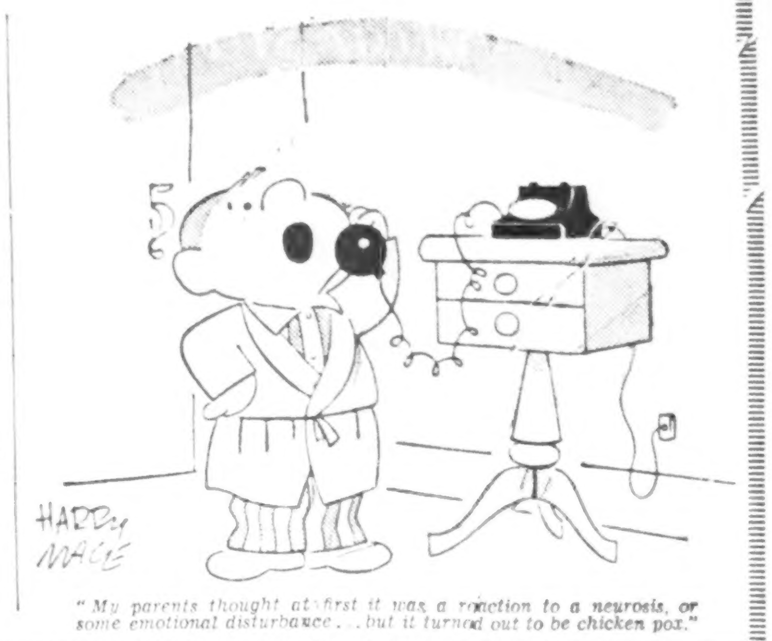

"My parents thought at first it was a reaction to a neurosis, or some emotional disturbance . . . but it turned out to be chicken pox."

THE STARS and YOU

by DAVID SAXBY

CAPRICORN *(December 21 — January 19)*: Mail received alters your views on plans. An interesting period because of changes, probably with an angle on money.

AQUARIUS *(January 20—February 18)*: Could be a puzzling phase but in most things doubts are cleared up by end-week. Also an unusual turn in a friendship then.

PISCES *(February 19—March 20)*: Rather an emotionalised week, but the edge can be taken off it with a little patience. Others' views might be harsh, but don't take them too seriously. The week should see the end of a current problem.

ARIES *(March 21 — April 20)*: Things of an intimate nature have a good chance of easy settlement. Less restraint in workaday life and you can expect more opportunities. Don't take risks with anything at all speculative.

TAURUS *(April 21—May 20)*: Likely that something affecting a future arrangement gets bogged down. It might pay you to change tactics. A good week financially.

GEMINI *(May 21 — June 20)*: Emphasis is on friendships which show signs of broadening out. Most projects, however, enter a dull phase and you should be prudent, especially where spendings are involved.

CANCER *(June 21—July 20)*: Ups and downs in most things. But take reasonable caution and no harm will be done. The main trouble is the cussedness of other people.

LEO *(July 21 — August 21)*: A reasonably smooth week. Your chances of settling a difficult problem seem better now. Limit arguments and you increase your chances of progress.

VIRGO *(August 22—September 22)*: A gratifying time in socially important matters. In other things you can save yourself a lot of trouble by taking level-headed action.

LIBRA *(September 23—October 22)*: An important plan is pushed ahead. Better movement, too, in routine things. This is due partly to improved health, and to some new line taken to keep finances in order.

SCORPIO *(October 23—November 22)*: Expect a better tone now in money matters probably following a letter. You are, too, able to make more headway in personal dealings. Socially you need to be cautious about new acquaintances.

SAGITTARIUS *(November 23—December 20)*: You should achieve something important to you. Plan wisely and you can do a lot to improve your interests. But be realistic when doing any unusual spending.

FROM THE PAST COME THE GRANDPARENTS WITH A CHERISHED AMBITION—AND A SECRET

CASE CARD

NAME: Mr. & Mrs. Ward
LOCALITY: London
AGE: 67, 67
STATE: Married (one son died in the war)

PROBLEM: "We can't act as grandparents to our beloved grandchild without telling him that the man whom he thinks is his father really isn't."

IS THIS YOUR PROBLEM?

At stake—a boy's happiness

1: by EDANA ROMNEY

"PETER is our only grandchild," Mr. Ward told me. "Just as his father was our only child. He didn't live, though, to set eyes on his son. His plane was shot down over Germany before Peter was born."

"And we haven't seen Peter ourselves since he was that big," added Mrs. Ward, holding her hands about 12 inches apart. "His mother sold up, moved out of the neighbourhood, and . . . well, she didn't keep in touch."

"Although, of course, we expected her to," put in Mr. Ward. "We loved Peter beyond words; we felt that he was all that we had left."

It seemed odd behaviour for a recently widowed daughter-in-law to vanish deliberately without trace. I asked, casually, what sort of a girl she was.

"There was nothing *wrong* with Joan," said Mr. Ward, thus disposing of a charge that nobody had made. "She was a good wife and looked like making a good mother. But somehow we just didn't hit it off."

"Did you and Joan part on unfriendly terms?" I asked.

"Not in the least. In fact, we had no suspicion at the time that we were parting."

But as the days and then the weeks had gone by without a word, Mr. and Mrs. Ward had come to realise the truth: that mother and child had passed out of their lives.

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They mourned Peter almost as they had mourned their son. And then, last month, they learned from an old friend exactly where the boy was living with his mother and his stepfather.

"I was so happy I cried," Mrs. Ward confessed. "I wanted to put on my hat and coat and rush to him at once. Our grandson, now 14 years old, fit and well, and not a dozen miles away! But then"—her face fell—"we heard also that Peter had been kept in total ignorance of the truth. That he has no idea that he isn't this man's child. And ever since we have been wondering what to do."

2: by EDGAR LUSTGARTEN

"IT wouldn't be wonderful only for us," said Mr. Ward. "Think how wonderful it would be for Peter. He's got no grandparents on his mother's side, and there is so *much* we want to do for him in every possible way."

"Do you think Joan would sanction it?" I said. "Or, indeed, would willingly let you see Peter at all?"

If not, Mr. Ward agreed at once, they must give the whole thing up; one couldn't make Peter the victim of a family tug-of-war. But from what he knew of Joan he thought it would be all right. She mightn't be pleased, but she wouldn't give them a point-blank refusal.

"Were you told anything," I asked, "about her second husband?"

"Decent fellow, I believe," said Mr. Ward laconically. "But Peter's father was rather more than that. He was a hero."

I looked with sympathy at these two nice elderly folk, their hopes and feelings all focused on one little boy.

I thought of that little boy—"not a dozen miles away"—utterly unaware of their identity or existence; never dreaming that the most basic assumptions of his life might crumble to dust in a moment—at a word.

The prospect of making up our minds had never seemed more difficult.

3: OUR ADVICE

IT is axiomatic that good parents put the interests of their children before their own. The same should go for grandparents and grandchildren. And we are sure that neither Mr. nor Mrs. Ward would wish to be anything less than good grandparents.

Which means that their powerful human impulse to grasp the joys of renewed contact with their only grandchild must be made subordinate in determining this problem. It should not rank equally with this consideration: *Would such contact work to Peter's benefit, or not?*

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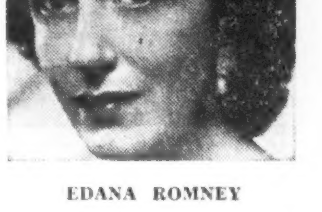
That issue seems to us poised upon a knife edge.

On the one hand, no child—and perhaps no adult, either—can escape some psychological shock on learning that the man he has all his life accepted, and loved, as his father, is actually *not a blood relative at all.*

The degree of impact will vary with the sensitiveness of the child, and can be cushioned partly by both tact and love. But, even under the least unfavourable conditions, it constitutes an adverse factor of the greatest substance.

On the other hand, a child can derive great happiness from grandparents as affectionate as Mr. and Mrs. Ward. They will do more than merely reinforce the family spirit of his parents' home. They are the natural and traditional source of the extra luxury, the unexpected treat, always so dear and gratifying to the young.



EDANA ROMNEY

On balance—taking account of Peter's interests only—disadvantage of a reunion may just outweigh advantage. But only *just***—and, in our opinion, it would be going too far to exclude the grandparents' interests** *entirely.*

We have, therefore, reached this conclusion: *that here the grandparents' interests are sufficient to tip the scales; that Mr. and Mrs. Ward may properly seek contact with Peter; but that they should take special pains—as will be their pleasure—to compensate him for what he will inevitably lose.*

● Readers who have a problem that they would like discussed in this feature are invited to write to Miss Edana Romney, Sunday Express, Fleet-street, London, E.C.4. In every case a fictitious name will be used for publication.

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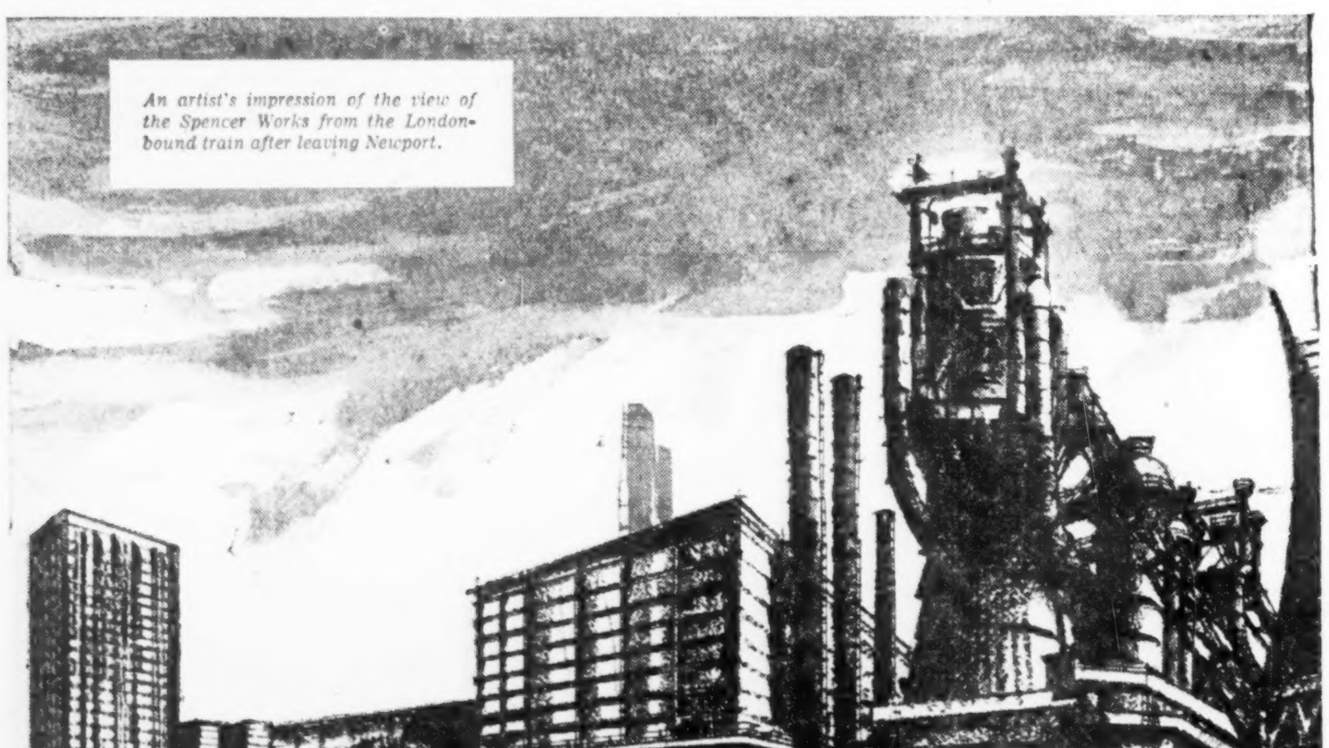
sets stage for great new expansion



An artist's impression of the view of the Spencer Works from the London-bound train after leaving Newport.

Extracts from the statement by Mr. G. C. R. Eley, C.B.E., Chairman, **RICHARD THOMAS & BALDWINS LTD.**, given at the Annual General Meeting, Thursday, February 11th, 1960

Profits up over 25%
Development programme accelerated
New £110,000,000 plant at work by 1962

This is my first report as Chairman of this Company and I would like to commence by paying to its Management, Staff and Workpeople an immediate tribute. In a year of considerable physical difficulties, they have enabled us to achieve an increase in profits of over 25%.

Such a result could only have been achieved by the exercise of determination, ingenuity and whole-hearted teamwork. We are fortunate in that we have as Managing Director, Mr. H. F. Spencer, a man of energy, imagination and infectious human qualities; and that he is backed by a body of able and skilled enthusiasts. They are lucky to have the great opportunities for achievement and for hard and exciting work that lie ahead of them in the future. I count myself lucky to be of their company.

FUTURE PROFITS

During the year we spent on capital works over £9½m., mostly on developments at Ebbw Vale, Redbourn, Panteg, our Midland Works and on a new Press Shop in West Wales.

Many of the more difficult additions and modernisations at Ebbw Vale and at other Sections have now been carried out. They should yield us benefits in the current year when we anticipate that our profits, in the absence of circumstances outside our control, should make another substantial advance. In subsequent years, while we are working on our big new development programme, profits should be further supplemented by earnings from other new plant that will be coming into operation, but interest and depreciation charges will be growing at the same time.

FURTHER OUTLOOK

In 1960 we shall be introducing at Ebbw Vale the L. D. oxygen top-blown steel process, while at Redbourn we are installing a Rotor Furnace for pre-refining. Both these developments will be the first of their kind in the United Kingdom. The new Spencer Works at Llanwern, near Newport, will incorporate the most modern plant and most up-to-date processes including the L. D. oxygen top-blown process of steelmaking. The Company is now the sole licensee for that process in the United Kingdom and in the Commonwealth, excluding Canada and India.

In many other directions also we are experimenting in the forefront of modern practice. For example, we are considering the installation at our Panteg Works of a large scale experimental plant to pursue the continuous casting of wide slabs in low carbon steel for sheets and tinplate and the production of stainless steel slabs. By the time that we are ready for the further development of our Newport site, we hope that continuous casting may have been sufficiently developed to enable it to play an integral part in the steelmaking process there.

DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

During the year the Board approved schemes at our Ebbw Vale works for the erection of an additional Electrolytic Tinning Line, the installation of the L. D. process, additional Soaking Pits and an Acid Recovery Plant, totalling in all £7,688,000. Previous schemes at Ebbw Vale had included increasing steel production, repowering the continuous Hot Strip Mill, replacing the 5-Stand Mill and converting the 3-Stand Sheet Mill to a 4-Stand. The new Electrolytic Tinning Line will be of the latest design and suitable for differential tinplate coatings.

A scheme for the erection of a continuous Billet Mill at our Redbourn Works at a cost of £6,703,000 was also sanctioned. In addition, work at Redbourn was continued on last year's schemes for the opening up of a new orefield, enlarging iron production, building a Sinter Plant and installing the Rotor steelmaking process.

Work also went forward satisfactorily at our Panteg Works on schemes for improving the production of stainless steel, including the installation of a Sendzimir Cold Reduction Mill, a new Planishing Mill and new ancillary equipment; while in the Midlands work was completed on a modern plant for the integrated and continuous processing of ultra-low-loss grain-oriented electrical quality sheet and strip.

NEW INTEGRATED PLANT

Considerable though these developments are—and of importance for the future growth of the Company—pride of place must be given to the great new integrated Hot Strip and Cold Reduction Mills which we are installing at Llanwern, near Newport. Named the Spencer Works, in honour of our Managing Director, this Mill was initially planned to produce 1,073,000 ingot tons and to cost approximately £100,000,000. The Ministry of Power agreed to loan us up to a maximum of £60,000,000 for this development.

Mr. G. C. R. Eley, C.B.E., Chairman, Richard Thomas & Baldwins Ltd. "Great opportunities for achievement lie ahead."

Since the end of the financial year, we have received the approval of the Iron and Steel Board to increase this scheme so as to achieve an output of 1,400,000 ingot tons and the estimated total cost has risen to about £110,000,000. We have also agreed to accelerate construction of the Spencer Works so that they can come into production by April, 1962, twelve months earlier than originally intended. The Ministry of Power has agreed to increase its loan to the Company to a maximum of £70,000,000 to help in taking care of these new developments.

The Spencer Works is being built on a green field site which will permit of great subsequent expansion. The first stage itself can readily be expanded to produce at least 3,000,000 ingot tons per annum and includes Coke Ovens, Blast Furnaces, L. D. Steel Plant, a Slabbing Mill, a Continuous Hot Strip Mill and a 4-stand Cold Reduction Mill. The Plant and its layout will make it amongst the most up-to-date integrated strip mills in the world.

At this stage I would like particularly to acknowledge the work done by our General Manager of Engineering, his staff and all those throughout the Company who have been engaged on our many development projects.

An agreement has been entered into with The Steel Company of Wales Ltd. to hire-roll for it in the new hot strip mill, when it is in operation, about 400,000 tons of strip per annum. This agreement will run for 5 years and will leave ample capacity to take care of our own planned production and of the next stage of our development.

EXPENDITURE AND FINANCE

During the last five years the Company has spent over £33,000,000 on modernisation and new development. Yet throughout that period until quite lately, it has been a lender, not a borrower, of money. It will, of course, need to borrow substantially to finance its latest programme, but we estimate that its borrowings should be relatively temporary in character.

TRAINING AND RESEARCH

As might be expected from what I have said about the pioneering outlook of the Management, the Company has been in the forefront in the application of new education and training techniques. In 1957 it inaugurated the first Company Staff College in the Steel Industry and offers wonderful opportunities to the young men of today.

We are, indeed, researchers in the widest sense of the term. On the physical side we examine new steels, new processes, new products, new materials and new equipment. On the operational side we maintain Research and Productivity Engineering Units. On the economic side we have an active Economic and Market Research organisation. This is a Company, in fact, with a restless and forward-looking outlook, inquiring but not credulous, tough but humane.

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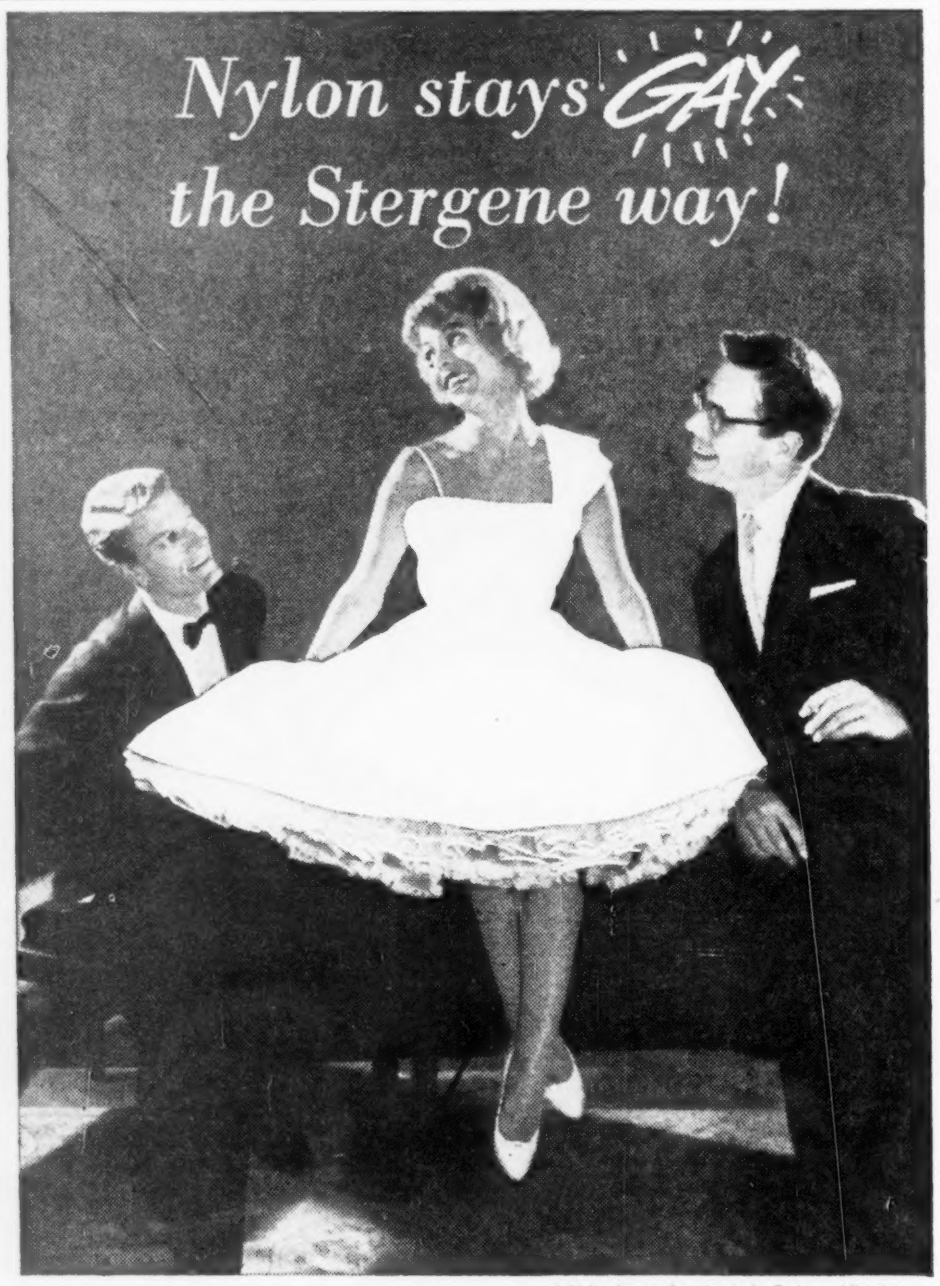

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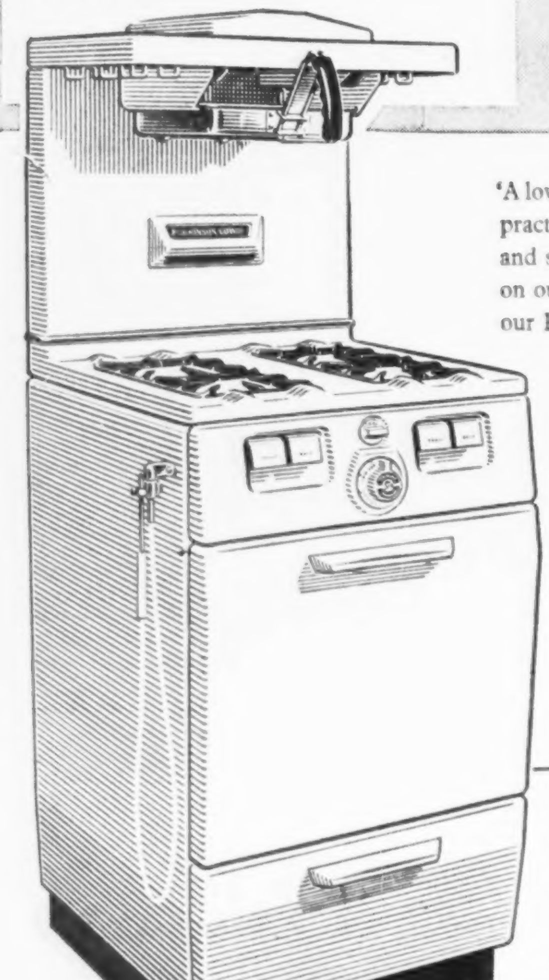

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SEEKING A CHANGE FROM SAND CASTLES AND SEAWEED?

AHOY there all you deckhands!

HOLIDAY BUREAU

by Julia Angwyn

● **"I would like a holiday away from crowded beaches and hotels. And I don't want to go abroad. Any ideas?"**

WHY not go for a cruise—on Britain's canals? There are two ways to do this.

FIRST, there is the hostel-boat holiday, taken in a converted narrowboat which sleeps 16 passengers. These boats make week-long cruises (time enough, for example, to get from Manchester to Llangollen), and charge, all meals included, £6 6s. a guest.

Men and women sleep in separate dormitories, equipped with two-tier bunks.

If you want a private two-berth cabin, the charge is £9 19s. 6d. a person.

Time never drags. You are taught (and this is half the fun) to help work the boat, open and close the locks, handle the horse—and you are expected also to help out with light domestic chores.

WARNING NOTE: This is not a holiday recommended to the over 40's, and children under 14 are discouraged, sometimes forbidden.

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SECOND: If you prefer something less communal there are about 50 firms belonging to the Inland Waterways Association (*4, Emerald-street, E.C.4*), who hire craft for you to navigate and manage yourself.

They are based all over the country; on the Thames, the Shropshire Union Canal, the Norfolk and Suffolk broads, the Dart, the Worcester and Birmingham Canal.

Prices vary enormously, depending on the size of craft and on the time of year.

A two-berth craft, for example, can be hired for as little as £10 a week in March, rising to £26 at the height of the season; and a seven-to-nine-berth craft (£25 in March) would cost you £65 in the peak season.

● **"My husband is convalescing from an illness, and we want a quiet, restful holiday abroad in a comfortable hotel. We plan to go about mid-May."**

ONE of the few places where you can be quiet *without being primitive* is the lake district of Carinthia, a pocket-size province in the south of Austria. It has a mild climate (it is backed and sheltered by the Alps), and glorious, uncluttered scenery for motoring, walking or picnicking.

There are three main lakes—Worther, Ossiach, and Millstaetter — and lots of small ones.

You have a wide choice of places at which to stay. It may be a large hotel with its own tennis courts, beer cellar, and large waterside restaurant, where you sleep in houses set in a park away from the noise. Or you could choose a comfortable little inn in the town, or a small hotel miles from anywhere.

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Some of the lakes, such as Worther, have almost an inland seascape; Weissen is fjord-like and dramatic; Faaker is small and open, with a tiny island in the middle of it and a superb view across to the mountains of the Yugoslav border.

You can cruise around the shores in a hired rowing boat; or take a trip in a launch; or you can motor in the country and lunch at one of the pretty, clean scrubbed little chalets. Above all you will find Carinthia hospitable, gentle and relaxing.

On May 1, B.E.A. starts its summer season flights to Klagenfurt (£35 return tourist class). None of the places I have mentioned is more than 1½ hours' drive from the airport. Some are much less. Self-drive cars, obtainable in Klagenfurt, cost about the same as they do in Britain.

The average price of hotel accommodation is about £2 a day, inclusive of all meals.

● **"Six of us—all students—want to spend two weeks abroad. We don't mind 'roughing it' a little, but we don't want to work our way and we have no transport."**

YOU might like to try one of the Mediterranean holiday villages—no, not *camps*—run by a French youth organisation. I was most attracted by one I visited on the Greek island of Corfu last summer.

Everyone lives in straw huts and eats in the open. There are gay beach bars, with dancing at night. Sailing and water-skiing are free.

Coffee and drinks are the only extras and you pay for these with tokens—which you buy when you arrive and wear round the neck like beads.

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There are several of these villages, apart from Corfu—at Pakostane, on the Dalmatian coast; at Caprera, an island between Corsica and Sardinia; at Palinuro, in Southern Italy; and at Capri and Sicily.

All-in prices include boat and rail return fares from London via Paris, and two weeks' full board and lodging.

But you must pay for your meals between London and Paris both going and coming back.

Sample prices: Palinuro, £47 10s.; Corfu, £50; Sicily, £49 10s.; Pakostane, £48.

● **"Somewhere really hot and sunny, please; not too expensive to reach or stay in; good swimming."**

WHAT about Malta? It has the same climate as Southern Italy and Greece, and enjoys a low air-fare concession (B.E.A.'s mid-week night flight, from April 1, will be £33 13s. return).

Malta has some good beaches and superb underwater fishing.

And only 30 minutes away by ferryboat is the little known island of Gozo.

Gozo, only 26 square miles in area, is an exquisite island of churches (74 of them!), fishermen, lace workers, and donkeys. It has just one hotel (£1 a day, full board, but no private bath), and a tiny guest house.

At Ramla Bay, on the north-east coast, is half a mile of virgin sandy beach, locked between high, thyme-topped cliffs.

The little harbour of Xlendi, at the opposite end of the island (but only 15 minutes away by taxi) is bordered by feathery casuarina trees and rocks.

Clamber over the rocks and along the rough paths at either side of the harbour, and you find numerous small rock coves which you can call, virtually, your own. What more could you ask?

● **A selection of readers' holiday inquiries will be answered in this column, but letters CANNOT be answered individually by post.**

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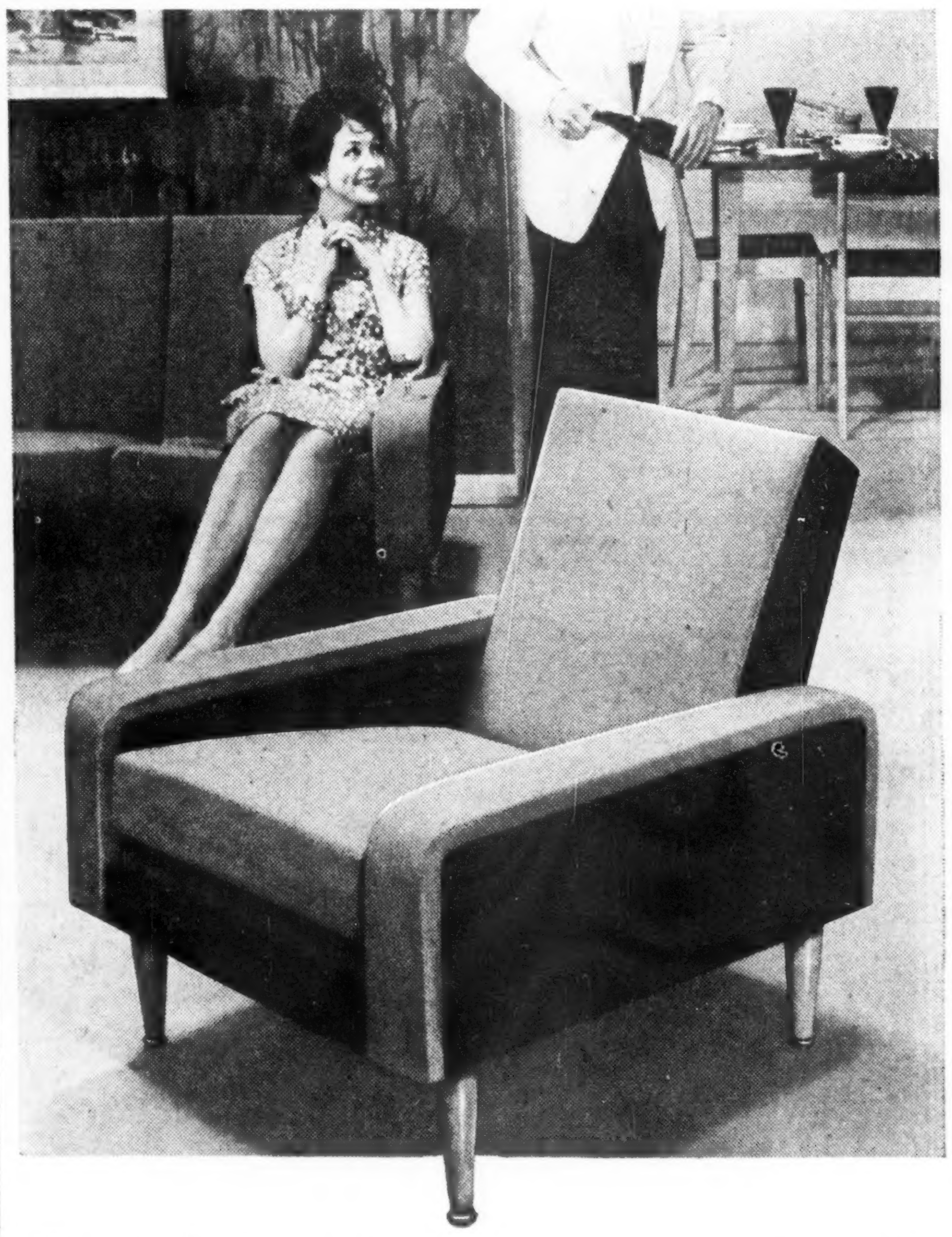

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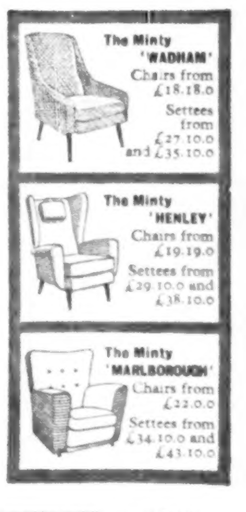

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He tamed the Black Cobra —now bids for new fame

● BILL SLATER . . . lecturer and footballer.

by ALAN HOBY

THE nightmare waiting was over. The decisive hour had come. The lanky, loose-limbed England left half walked out into the Swedish sunlight to mark the greatest inside-forward in the world—Didi, the Black Cobra of Brazil.

A little over 90 minutes later he trudged wearily back. But, although his white, sweat-soaked vest stuck to his back like a postage stamp, the man with the No. 6 on his back was grinning.

For William John Slater—razor-tackling Wolves half back, ex-amateur international, distinguished lecturer in physical education at Birmingham University and just about the most famous part-timer in English football—had succeeded beyond his most cherished dreams.

GREAT DEFENCE

Worrying and gnawing at his man non-stop, he had slowly played the body-swaying Negro genius out of the game.

When the final whistle shrilled, England, thanks mainly to their magnificent defenders, had held Brazil, the future world champions, to a 0—0 draw.

That was the scene at Gothenburg's Ullevi Stadium on June 11, 1958—when every one of us who watched thought that the honest and modest Bill Slater would be England's left half for years to come.

But how *WRONG* we were!

Today Bill Slater, far from being England's left half, doesn't even occupy that position for his club.

Today, nearly two years later, this 6ft. 1in. all-purposes player who never minds where he plays, is carving fresh fame—as a centre half. And WHAT a centre half . . .

In recent times three great centre halves have dominated the English Soccer scene.

There was Slater's present manager, **STANLEY CULLIS**, a pivot so tigerish that it was said, half in jest but half-seriously—"If you kicked him in the heart you would break your leg. . . ."

There was **NEIL FRANKLIN**, the dark, neat star from Stoke, who was the Herbert Sutcliffe of football. Even when the action was hottest he never seemed to have a hair out of place.

There was **BILLY WRIGHT**—and yet what did Wright, ex-captain of Wolves and England and holder of 105 caps, say about Slater after watching him in action against Blackpool only last week-end?

"It was the finest exhibition of centre-half play I have ever seen," Billy declared lyrically.

Despite this peak of praise by his old skipper, however, Wolves were forced to leave the mighty Slater at home last week, when they flew off to Spain for that disastrous 4—0 drubbing by Barcelona in the European Cup.

PLEAS FAILED

The prosaic reason? Despite personal pleas by team boss Cullis and by Slater himself, his employers, Birmingham University, were unable to give him time off for the trip.

Perturbed by such an attitude at a time when England, with vital prestige matches coming up later in the year against Scotland, Yugoslavia, Hungary, and Spain, urgently need a really *dominating* centre half, I sought out Bill Slater.

"Bill," I said, "how do you feel about all this? You must have been bitterly disappointed at missing the Barcelona game, at being left behind?"

Slater, lean, studious and picking his words as carefully as he places his passes on the field, replied:—

"Naturally, I was disappointed. But I'm not complaining.

"When I was given permission to sign as a professional for Wolves in 1954, it was on the understanding that a clear line would be drawn between the two jobs.

"I am one of a team of nine physical education lecturers at Birmingham University.

1,000 PUPILS

"Between us, we take approximately 1,000 first-year students for an hour a week. There are also special degree courses for students.

"Then I coach all the week in Soccer, cricket, basket ball, and squash rackets. And do some gymnastics."

I said: "When on earth do you train? Wolves are the fittest team in Britain. How do you keep up?"

"Whenever I can fit it in. But every day, without fail," Slater replied. "It is difficult and it can be boring, even lonely.

"That's why I commit all my training to paper first. I'm quite clear before I go out what I am going to do.

"I practise ball control against the sides of a large gym, also against some buttressed walls near the playing pitch. That gives you some very funny angles.

"I also deliberately put myself under pressure. In the absence of flesh-and-blood opponents I use a clock to ginger myself up. I'm 32 and, although I've never felt fitter, there is always the danger of going soft."

I looked at Slater with rapidly mounting respect.

No wonder, I thought, Wolves and England have always used him in an emergency: at left half in the World Cup after Duncan Edwards had died so tragically; at centre forward for his club in one game this season when he scored two goals; and in the last nine games at centre half.

HE STILL HOPES

Finally, I asked this shrewd, far-seeing and wholly admirable professional: "*What would happen if England called you up again for home and foreign internationals?*"

"Naturally, I hope the university would give me the time off to play," he told me with a sudden gleam in his blue eyes.

I hope so too. Youth alone can be hopelessly inadequate against ageless marvels like Spain's Kubala or Di Stefano. It needs to be bolstered by the cultured power, drive, and experience of men like Bill Slater.

Spurs must watch Burnley challenge

says STANLEY MATTHEWS

SUPER Spurs are already being shouted home as the League champions. I agree that they are the outstanding team of the season. But there is a danger side waiting for the first sign of a crumble—the lively young Burnley outfit managed by Harry Potts.

Burnley may not be one of the League's fashionable clubs, but they certainly have the potential to shake the stylish Spurs.

In Jimmy McIlroy they have Britain's greatest inside forward, but for the most part Burnley rely on 11 men with one purpose—the team comes first.

What do Burnley think about their chances for League and Cup success? Harry Potts gave me the answer I expected from this quiet, workmanlike manager.

McILROY FIT AGAIN

"We just don't think about the double," said Harry. "We treat every game separately. We find it better to concentrate on winning each match and let the honours come—if they do.

"We have a vital test on Tuesday week, when we play Spurs at Turf Moor. It may have a great bearing on the championship."

Great news for Burnley in this last-lap offensive is that ace forward McIlroy is fit again. His thigh injury has been troublesome, but they tell me he will be bamboozling defenders again.

This Burnley side, led by the inspiring Jimmy Adamson, who is playing better than ever, can go on improving. They are all on the young side.

Nineteen-year-old Ian Lawson, now in the Army, has been deputising brilliantly for McIlroy, and may soon claim a regular place.

And Harry Potts proudly points to other youngsters who will step in at the right time. Players like centre half John Talbot (19), from the North-East, Trevor Meredith (21), an outside right from Shropshire, and left winger Gordon Harris (19), from Nottingham.

Even in goal they have a talented reserve—England international Colin McDonald, now recovered from a broken leg and showing his old form in the Central League side.

So I warn Tottenham . . . watch Burnley!

CHRISTINE ASKS 'WHY SAY I FAILED?'

by JOHN REED

THE tall, statuesque, golden-haired girl sitting opposite me smiled shyly, almost ruefully, and said: "Some people may think I have let them down, but I don't think so. I don't see why anyone should say I failed in Australia. I tried my best. I always do."

I was talking to Christine Truman, Britain's 19-year-old Queen of Tennis, who slipped quietly home eight days ago after her strenuous, three-month tour of Australia, where she reached the singles finals of five State championships—and did not win any of them.

Three of the defeats—in the Victorian, West Australian, and South Australian finals—were by that bouncy Brazilian bombshell, Wimbledon champion Maria Bueno. Maria also beat her in the United States championship final last September.

No excuses

Will she never overthrow Maria? "If I thought that I would pack up tennis now," countered Christine. "Of course, it was a tremendous disappointment that I didn't win, but I try not to worry about it. If you start worrying you only spoil your game."

I asked her about the semi-finals of the Australian championships—when she was beaten by an 18-year-old "giant-killer," Jan Lehane, in a marathon 7—5, 3—6, 7—5 struggle.

The 5ft. 11in. Essex girl made no excuses, but I could imagine the torrid torment that was the Centre Court at Brisbane—a tennis bowl in which these two weary teenagers fought for two and a half hours while the heat sucked away their stamina. The temperature touched 128!

CHRISTINE TRUMAN
"We were exhausted."

No wonder they wilted. "I understand reports said I collapsed. It was actually Jan who felt faint and collapsed in the dressing room. We were both so exhausted," Christine explained.

"It is not just the heat which is troublesome in Australia. It is the humidity as well. Maria, with whom I toured, was more used to that type of climate than I was."

Her rivals

I asked Christine if the new Australian stars, Jan Lehane and 17-year-old Margaret Smith, who knocked out Miss Bueno, would become the biggest danger in women's world tennis.

Christine, who is slimmer and fitter as the result of her tour, replied: "I don't think they will be a greater menace than the other girls I have to meet. Jan Lehane is a very good retriever. Margaret Smith has no exceptionally strong point. She is a good all-rounder."

We discussed the controversial affair of the Lawn Tennis Association's "Nominated Young Players" list to which Christine was restored last month. And here Miss Truman's shyness was replaced by the spirited determination she shows on court.

The girl who wallops the ball with the power of a man told me: "I did not refuse to play with 13-year-olds as everyone seems to think. In fact, I DID play with young Stanley Matthews, but afterwards I had shopping, typhoid inoculations, etc., to crowd into three weeks before I went off to the Caribbean championships last season.

Why the fuss?

"If I wanted to practise, I could easily play my sister Nell, who is only 15 and much more promising than Stanley Matthews.

"The Australians wanted to know what all the fuss was about. So did Maria. Their attitude was: 'Why do you have to play with 13-year-olds anyway?'"

What is her programme before she again sets on the tournament trail to the Caribbean? "I help a bit in the home—I've got three sisters and two brothers, you know—and I hope to play a little golf, see a few shows.

"I'm learning to type too. I won a typewriter as a prize last year and I ought to know how to use it."

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Fare Time's price now 2-1

After winning by 6 lengths

FARE TIME is favourite again to win the Champion Hurdle for the second time on March 8. And no wonder, after his overwhelming performance in Sandown's Oteley Hurdle yesterday—his first victory since he lifted Britain's hurdling title last year.

—by— TOM FORREST

Not even in his Cheltenham triumph did Fare Time touch such irresistible heights of power and stamina as in this ruthless destruction of Saffron Tartan and Retour de Flamme on the mud-crusted uphill finish.

There was plenty of danger two jumps out, where Fred Winter, on Fare Time, was the only jockey really at work. But from then on it was a procession.

After watching this six-length lesson in hurdling class backers plunged on Fare Time for the championship at 9—4. Then 2—1 was the best price available, with deposed favourite Another Flash next at 5—2.

'SAFFRON' 100-8

Out to 100—8 goes Saffron Tartan . . . though connections were happy about his running and plan another outing at Birmingham on Tuesday week before going on to Cheltenham.

Retour de Flamme—a neck behind Saffron Tartan yesterday but only 7—1 in big-race betting—made just a fleeting challenge before he was done with. Only on really fast ground has he a ghost of a chance at Cheltenham.

The five-figure sum paid for Fare Time last month by the Contessa di Sant Elia was no rash investment, for beyond doubt the Champion Hurdle is now a one-horse race as far as England is concerned.

Only one possible danger remains and that is Another Flash. Ireland's champion makes his final pre-Cheltenham appearance in Leopardstown's Scalp Hurdle next Saturday—which he must win or drop all title pretentions.

EXHIBITION

Put it down as an exhibition bout rather than a contest. For even Another Flash's super-cautious trainer, Paddy Sleator, expects his horse to win unchallenged, while "just out to stretch his legs."

So few are the opponents willing to present themselves for swift and certain execution by Another Flash that Sleator considered skipping the race to seek sterner opposition in Birmingham's Trial three days later.

"But that would mean leaving him over in England until the big race on March 8, and I want to have him under my own eye all the time between now and Cheltenham," he says.

"So I'll settle for this quiet run in our own backyard, and then fly him over on the Sunday before the Champion. But I would have liked a real test, for I wasn't certain that Another Flash's defeat by Commutering at Navan was 100 per cent good enough."

Saturday is the day of decision too, for Irish challengers aiming at Britain's two greatest steeplechases. Their chances for the Cheltenham Gold Cup and Grand National can be put in or out of the reckoning after the three-mile Leopardstown 'Chase.

I believe it will be IN again for Gold Cup holder Roddy Owen, who has drifted from favour since he fizzled out without a fight in his last race at Gowran Park.

AINTREE HOPES

And it looks like being OUT for the four Grand National horses—Headwave, Jonjo, Knoxtown and Belsize II.

If Roddy Owen comes back with a win, his Gold Cup odds will be slashed to half the 10—1 now available.

Under top weight of 12st., he must give 9lb. to Zonda and 14lb. to Fortria, who still stand their ground against him in the Gold Cup. While all four of the Grand National horses are 35lb. below Roddy in the handicap.

Nevertheless, I remember **RODDY OWEN'S** running at Manchester in December. He was fully as good as Kerstin when they met there, and the same brilliance will be good enough now.

The warming-up race for Kerstin—Gold Cup favourite at 7-2—has now been switched to Lingfield's Manifesto 'Chase on Saturday.

The sweeping downhill run to the straight, and easy Lingfield fences will hardly help Kerstin's toughness and fighting spirit. **LOCHROE** is the slick, speedy type for this course, and I expect him to beat her this time.

DICK FRANCIS says . . .

TIM IS FIGHTING BACK

To prepare for National favourite

SIX weeks to go to the Grand National . . . and Tim Brookshaw is fighting a race against time—by patiently taking things easily.

He hopes to ride Wyndburgh, the favourite, in the big race on March 26, but only if his twice-broken leg is fully strong again will he have the slightest chance of lining up at Aintree.

In ten days Brookshaw's right leg comes out of plaster, leaving just over two weeks for alternate rest and limbering-up exercises and another two for some preliminary come-back races. The schedule is very tight.

Tim Brookshaw, and his wife, Joan, leave their car.

'It's mending'

It all depends on whether the bone is strong enough to stand the strain of racing, but farmer Brookshaw says: "I am sure my leg is mending thoroughly. It feels fine, and I drive to market and get round my land much as usual."

His wife Joan adds: "As his leg improves, the language Tim uses to describe the plaster cast gets more and more lurid. It is now high time he had it off!"

Even if a leg broken last December is fit for ordinary racing again in March, is it fair to the racing public for it to be risked on a well-fancied horse in the National? In this case I say Yes.

The Grand National is physically and mentally searching, and the 4½ miles over 30 testing fences at 30 miles an hour inexorably reveal all weak spots.

But all steeplechase jockeys survive their profession only because they can snap back from disaster like a rubber band. And an exceptionally elastic person like Tim Brookshaw can reasonably expect to be fully fit almost immediately after dragging around in plaster for three months.

Their secret

Being fit to ride is as much a mental eagerness as strength of body, and, incredible though this must seem to most people, races have often been won by jockeys with secretly strapped-up, unconfessed fractures in shoulders and arms.

What the eye does not see, owners and trainers do not grieve over!

From the beginning it has been a bad season for injuries, with trainers often tearing their hair for lack of jockeys, but Johnny Lehane (foot) and Dave Dick (leg) are now off the casualty list.

In another three weeks Paddy Farrell's shoulder should be strong enough for Knightsbrook in the Gold Cup, and Stan Hayhurst's badly twisted knee for Kerstin. Stan Mellor's cracked vertebra should be mended by the end of the week, but Rex Hamey's will take another 10 days.

● Frank Cundell has been having difficulty in finding suitable long-distance 'chases for ANKERDINE. The Lord Stalbridge Gold Cup at Wincanton on Thursday should be well within his powers.

With Kerstin going to Lingfield on Saturday, her full sister, LADY SENAGH, stays North for Catterick's National Trial and should win.

Verly Bewicke is also sending SPRING FLIGHT south with Kerstin and this horse's third in the Great Yorkshire 'Chase is form good enough to enable him to win the Jerry M. 'Chase.

Wyndburgh plans

Wyndburgh's next race will be at Warwick on February 27 or Haydock early next month. Michael Scudamore will ride, if available.

SANDOWN 1 2 3

2.0 (2m H): CARRIGEEN DUFF (R Boult, 11—2), 1; **Cortland** (F Winter, 2—1 F), 2; **Shatter** (W Woods, 7—1), 3. Also: 5 Sicky, 10 Hoy (4), Rappel II, 100—8 Solomum, 100—7 Young Idea, 20 Vale Orphan, Maradam (f), Prince d'Eckmuhl, Ceadon, Guns Up, Fundsord. 14 ran. 2l, 6l. (B Foster.) **Tote**: 42/2; 7/10, 5/4, 8/8. Time 4m 7 1-5s.

2.30 (2m 25y C): DOUBLE STAR (A Freeman, 4—9 F), 1; **Rock House Bridge** (Mr A Biddlecombe, 3—1), 2; **Prince Maru** (M Scudamore, 11—2), 3. Three ran. 2l, 10l. (Cazalet.) **Tote**: 6/-; 1/10. Time 4m 13 4-5s.

3.0 (2m 25y C): — LE PETIT ROI (A Freeman, 7—2 F), 1; **Langton Hero** (M Scudamore, 6—1), 2; **Larket Hill** (A C Keen, 100—7), 3. Also: 4 Spring Moss (f), 6 Hedgelands (f), 9 Misty Hope (f), 10 Sabwani (p.u.), Green Light (4), 20 Jester II (f), Eton Prince, Nostalgia (p.u.), Ballyrankin (f), Cadmore (p.u.), Cloudy Red (f). 14 ran. 3l, bad. (Cazalet.) **Tote**: 19/2; 11/6, 10/-, 18/4. Time 4m 10 3-5s.

3.30 (2m H): FARE TIME (F Winter, evens F), 1; **Saffron Tartan** (A Freeman, 100—30), 2; **Retour de Flamme** (J Lehane, [illegible]), 3. Also: 100—7 Double Red (4), 33 Mediate, Roche Rouge, Canterbury Bloom. 7 ran. 6l, nk. (H Price.) **Tote**: 7/4; 5/4, 7/6, d-f. [illegible] Time 4m 1 4-5s.

4.0 (3m 125yd C): GOLDEN DROP (P G Madden, 10—1), 1; **Oscar Wilde** (R E Jenkins, 8—1), 2; **O'Malley Point** (J Fitzgerald, 9—2), 3. Also: 5—4 F Mac Joy, 6 Bob (failed 'un), 100—7 Laramie (4), Gay Donald, 20 Asteus. 8 ran. Nk, nk. (F Walwyn.) **Tote**: 35/8; 9/4, 10/4, 8/2, d-f, £8. Time 6m 37 2-5s.

4.30 (2m H): INTERREX (R R Harrison, 5—1), 1; **Skippet** (E F Kelly, 9—2 F), 2; **Cottage Sleigh** (C Curtin, 5—1), 3. Also: 13—2 Out of Town, 7 Pissos (4), 8 Barnstables, 100—8 Kadir Cup, 100—7 Dambuster, Solid Fuel, Steffani, 25 Prince Boutin. 11 ran. 3l, 2l. (Emery.) **Tote**: 17/10; 6/10, 6/6, 10/10. Time 4m 5 3-5s.

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● **Yesterday's racing at NEWCASTLE and WARWICK was abandoned because of snow.**

Best bets

TOM FORREST

FONTWELL.—Tomorrow: 2.15, **Edradour**; 3.15, **Cupid's Charge** (nap).

SOUTHWELL.—Tomorrow: 2.45, **John Gittins**; 3.45, **Frenchman's Cove**.

WINCANTON.—Thursday: 2.0, **Solimyth** (nap); 4.0, **Gin and Sherry**.

LINGFIELD.—Friday: 3.30, **Poivron** (nap); 4.30, **Blue Rondo**. Saturday: 4.0, **Langton Heath**; 4.30, **Turpial** (nap).

CATTERICK.—Friday: 3.0, **Whinstone Hill**; 4.30, **Close River**. Saturday: 2.30, **Highland Honours**; 4.0, **Mozie Law**.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON.—Saturday: 2.30, **Crorse**; 4.30, **Sea Horse**.

● If a nap selection does not run because of a change of stable plans, Tom Forrest's revised nap will be given in the Daily Express.

BETAWAY

LONG-SHOTS

KINGMAKER (e.w.) (Fontwell, Tomorrow, [illegible]).—Won his last two races over hurdles.

PLUMMERS PLAIN (e.w.) (Lingfield, Friday, [illegible]).—Bids for his fourth successive win.

HIGHWOOD (e.w.) (Lingfield, Friday, 4.0).—Beat the useful Take All at Hurst Park.

SHORT-SHOTS

ARCTICEELAGH (Lingfield, Friday, 4.30).—Outside fancy for the Champion Hurdle.

DANDY SCOT (Lingfield, Saturday, 3.0).—Most consistent [illegible].

LANGTON HEATH (Lingfield, Saturday, 4.0).—[illegible] last form against Brasi looks very good.

HAROLD SWAN'S POOL-CAST

Next Saturday's Soccer Guide

F.A. CUP—Fifth Round.

X Bradford City v Burnley
2 Leicester City v West Bromwich Albion
2 Luton Town v Wolves
X Manchester Utd v Sheffield Wednesday
X Port Vale v Aston Villa
1 Preston N.E. v Brighton
1 Sheffield United v Watford
1 Tottenham Hotspur v Blackburn Rovers

LEAGUE—DIVISION I

1	Arsenal v Everton	(2-0, 2-3, 3-1)
X	Leeds v Birmingham	(1-1, 1-1, 0-0)
2	Man City v Blackpool	(0-3, 4-3, 0-2)
X	Nottm Forest v Fulham	(3-1, —,)
X	West Ham v Newcastle	(—, —, 3-0)

DIVISION II

1	Bristol City v Derby C	(—, 2-1, 1-3)
1	Cardiff C v Hull	(—, —, —)
1	Charlton Ath v Plymouth	(—, —, —)
1	Liverpool v Swansea	(2-0, 4-0, 4-0)
X	Portsmouth v Huddersfield	(, ,)
X	Scunthorpe v Middlesbro	(, , 0-3)
1	Sunderland v L Orient	(, , 4-0)

(Stoke v Ipswich will be played on Friday —void on all coupons.)

DIVISION III

X	Accrington v York	(3-0, 3-0, —)
1	Barnsley v Chesterfield	(, , —)
X	Bournemouth v Coventry	(1-2, 0-0, —)
2	Brentford v Grimsby	(—, ,)
X	Bury v Southampton	(, , 1-0)
X	Colchester v Norwich	(1-1, 1-2, 2-1)
1	Halifax v Reading	(—, ,)
X	Mansfield v Shrewsbury	(, ,)
1	Newport v Swindon	(2-1, 4-1, 3-1)
X	Wrexham v Q.P.R.	(—, —, 1-0)

DIVISION IV

X	Aldershot v Northampton	(4-0, 0-0, 1-3)
X	Barrow v Torquay	(, , 2-2)
1	Bradford v Chester	(3-1, 3-0, 3-0)
1	Carlisle v Rochdale	(2-1, 1-0,)
1	C Palace v Southport	(—, —, 1-0)
1	Darlington v Doncaster	(—, —,)
1	Exeter v Hartlepools	(, —, 3-0)
X	Gateshead v Workington	(1-2, 3-0, 0-3)
X	Gillingham v Millwall	(1-3, 1-0, 1-2)
2	Oldham v Notts County	(, , —)
1	Stockport v Crewe	(2-0, 5-1, —)

SCOTTISH—DIVISION I

X	Aberdeen v Kilmarnock	(1-3, 1-2, 2-2)
X	Airdrie v Clyde	(, 2-2, 2-1)
2	Ayr v Dundee	(0-1, , —)
1	Celtic v T Lanark	(, 4-1, 3-1)
2	Dunfermline v Hibernian	(1-3, , 1-2)
1	Hearts v Arbroath	(, —, —)
X	Partick v Raith	(1-1, 3-2, 1-3)
2	St Mirren v Rangers	(1-2, 1-3, 1-3)
2	Stirling v Motherwell	(, , 2-5)

SCOTTISH—DIVISION II

1	Alloa v Cowdenbeath	(3-2, 4-2, 2-0)
X	Berwick v St Johnstone	(1-5, 2-0, 1-1)
1	Dundee Utd v Morton	(0-7, 4-1, 4-1)
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MARQUES GRABS GLORY FOR ENGLAND

England 8 Ireland 5: by JOHN REED

GIANT pack leader David Marques won England glory at Twickenham yesterday—although he had been gripped like a vice by the Irish second row and dumped on his back for most of the 103 line-outs in this pulsating international.

For it was Marques, the "Gentleman" of Rugby, who scored the dramatic try which gave England a sensational victory in the last five minutes.

Ireland were 5—0 up with only 10 minutes left. The mist and gloom was settling down over Twickenham again.

Then fly-half Richard Sharp, with a snap, swiftly taken dropped gaol from 25 yards, had the 65,000 spectators baying and roaring their excitement.

When all had seemed lost, England suddenly had a chance. And then came Marques's great moment. With a towering leap he won a line-out near the left corner flag and whipped the ball back to skipper Dickie Jeeps, who transferred it to Sharp.

Sharp tried to drop another goal: the kick was charged down. The fair-headed fly-half recovered possession, slipped the ball to wing-forward Peter Robbins, and England were away.

Great leap

Centre Malcolm Phillips broke to the right, but with split-second shrewdness spotted a gap in the unprepared Irish defence, turned inside and ran straight towards the post.

As he was engulfed by despairing Irishmen he flung out a high and handsome pass to Marques, who, galloping up like a runaway racehorse, hurled his exhausted but courageous 6ft. 5in. frame over the line for a wonderful try which full-back Don Rutherford easily converted.

It was all over—and England have now only to meet a mediocre Scotland to win the Triple Crown.

Lucky England? Maybe, but let us give credit for their magnificent, storming come-back after being strangled by the speed and spirit of the fighting Irish for fully three-quarters of the game.

In the end it was Ireland who blew up after setting a tremendous pace.

In the first half we had marvelled at the furious swiftness, strength, and aggression of this Irish pack.

Gerry Culliton, who scored Ireland's try, Gordon Wood, Noel Murphy, Tim McGrath, and Ronnie Kavanagh made England appear cumbersome.

They outplayed the slow English forwards in all phases of the loose play although England scrummaged solidly in the tight where hooker Sam Hodgson won the scrums 32-25 against new cap Bart McCallan.

LINE-UP

ENGLAND.—D Rutherford (Percy Park); J R C Young (Harlequins), M S Phillips (Oxford Univ), M P Weston (Richmond), J Roberts (Old Millhillians); R A W Sharp (Oxford Univ), R E G Jeeps (capt) (Northampton); C R Jacobs (Northampton), S A M Hodgson (Durham City), P T Wright (Blackheath), R W D Marques (Harlequins), J D Currie (Harlequins), P G D Robbins (Moseley), W G D Morgan (Medicals), R E Syrett (Wasps).

IRELAND.—T Kiernan (Univ College, Cork); W Bornemann (Wanderers), A C Pedlow (C.I.Y.M.S.), D Hewitt (Queen's Univ, Belfast), A J O'Reilly (Leicester); M A F English (Limerick Bohemians), A A Mulligan (capt) (London Irish); S Millar (Ballymena), B McCallan (Ballymena), B G M Wood (Lansdowne), W A Mulcahy (Univ College, Dublin), M G Culliton (Wanderers), N A Murphy (Cork Constitution), T McGrath (Garryowen), J R Kavanagh (Wanderers).

Referee: D Gwynne Walters (Wales).

With a sluggish heel, scrum-half Jeeps absorbed a lot of punishment and, as I had expected, fly-half Sharp was shackled by the thunderous tackling of Murphy and Mick English.

Sharp, the idol of the English victory over Wales, found the Irishmen breathing down his neck and had only inches in which to move at all.

But he still managed to kick accurately and his dropped goal was the spur that revived England.

The English backs had virtually no scope at all. It would have taken the magic of Peter Jackson to make the chances.

Scrum-half Andy Mulligan, the Irish captain, who was always probing for tiny openings—and sometimes finding them—and fly-half Mick English really had the England back row worried.

More incisive

Ireland looked neater and more incisive in attack, and David Hewitt, wriggling his hips like a snake dancer as he ran, frequently had the English defence in a panic.

The Irish were handicapped, however, when in the first half the athletic, dangerous Tony O'Reilly, who had come into the side as a last-minute replacement for the injured Kevin Flynn, hurt the shoulder which had given him so much trouble this season.

Ireland's mistake, I think, was in not giving their speedy three-quarters more opportunity to run with the ball. English overdid the kick to the wings.

Their try came after 35 minutes when centre David Hewitt broke clear and cross-kicked. The ball hit a post and bounced just right for Culliton, who scored. Full-back Tom Kiernan converted.

England's top stars: Marques, John Currie, Peter Robbins, Hodgson, and full-back Don Rutherford. But is the pack really fast enough to whip France?

● Over the top goes Ireland's Gordon Wood as England players close in at Twickenham.

W. Ham search for a leader

WEST HAM search for a centre forward—with price no object. That is the priority order to all their scouts.

Yesterday the Hammers watched **DAVID "Bronco" LAYNE**, the 20-year-old Swindon leader.

Also at Swindon were Wolves boss Stan Cullis, his chief scout George Noakes, and representatives from Leicester, Bolton, and Derby.

Cullis left without making any offer, but my tip is that both Leicester and West Ham are ready for business.

Layne, who joined Swindon last summer from Rotherham for a small fee, played well yesterday, despite a badly bruised ankle. He scored a 25-second goal—in a 1—1 draw with Chesterfield.

Other players watched by West Ham recently have been **LEN JULIANS** (Arsenal), **DAVE DUNMORE** (Spurs), and **BILL CURRY** (Brighton).

Tips by film

RONNIE ALLEN, the former England centre forward, is the star in West Bromwich Albion's Cup run. He is also a key man in the preparation for the Leicester tie.

SOCCER NEWS: by James Connolly

During Cup training Albion have been having twice-weekly film shows, and the projector operator is Allen. Photography is one of his hobbies.

The films? Some of the great Hungarians, Cup finals over the past few years, and old shots to show the change in football styles.

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LIVERPOOL want **DAVE MACLAREN**, the Leicester second string goalkeeper, but their bid wasn't high enough. Now Bolton, looking for a 'keeper since Eddie Hopkinson broke his leg last week, are also in the running.

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What did Lane say? Simply that McNeil could be a great player if he played the Lane way.

That is why star-of-the-side McNeil had a special word of thanks for the boss after Brighton's 6—0 Cup win over Rotherham.

Doing too much

GRAHAM MOORE, Cardiff City's £30,000 Welsh international centre forward, trains twice a week in the afternoons with the ground-staff boys.

He is so keen that he was coming back every afternoon until manager Bill Jones told him he was doing too much.

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VILLA pay Cup opponents Port Vale a compliment . . . they cut out the weekly golf day for the first time this season to concentrate on training.

But Villa are confident, largely because of the match-winning form of Irish winger **PETER McPARLAND**.

"McParland loves scoring goals," Joe Mercer told me yesterday. "He is really miserable when he is out of luck.

"Some players don't like the responsibility, but Peter thrives on it. He always wants the ball."

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FULHAM, looking ahead to next season, search for an inside forward, a utility full-back, and a winger. . . . Expect Crystal Palace to make an early offer for **PHIL WHITE**, the displaced Leyton Orient right winger.

OTHER SOCCER IN BRIEF

Aetolian League.—Div I: Herne Bay 3 Cheshunt 1—Snowdown 3 Crockenhill 1—Whitstable 2 Charlton A 3. **Cup, Second Rd** (replay): Eton Manor 0 Faversham 2.

Athenian League.—Enfield 9 Walton and H 2—Grays 4 Wealdstone 2—Hendon 1 Carshalton 1—Hornchurch and U 3 Redhill 0—Sutton 2 Leyton 1.

Corinthian League.—Edgware 1 Letchworth 2—Leatherhead 4 Chesham 1—Dorking 3 Dagenham 2—Slough 1 Wokingham 1—Eastbourne 1 Maidenhead 0.

Delphian League.—Aveley 1 Rainham 3—Aylesbury 1 Brentwood and W 3—Tufnell Park, Edmonton 0 Berkhamsted 1—Woodford 3 Stevenage 3.

Essex Senior Cup.—Semi-Final: Walthamstow 3 Barking 0.

Herts Senior Cup.—Fourth Rd: Hertford 1 Bishop's Stortford 2—St Albans 3 Ware 1—Hoddesdon 2 Hemel Hempstead 1—Hitchin 1 Barnet 4.

Isthmian League.—Leytonstone 1 Car Cas 4—Wimbledon 6 Clapton 0—Woking 1 Oxford 2—Wycombe 4 Dulwich H 0.

Kent Senior Cup.—First Rd: Bromley 2 Ramsgate 0. Second Rd: Ashford 4 Tunbridge Wells 5—Tonbridge 5 Maidstone 2—Sittingbourne 2 Dartford 3—Folkestone 0 Gravesend and N 1—Chatham T 1 Dover 1—Cray W 1 Margate 3—Erith and B 0 Bexleyheath and W 5.

London Charity Cup.—First Rd Replay: Hounslow 2 Ilford 1.

London League.—Baldock 0 Tilbury 3—Epping 1 Beckenham 0—Hatfield 3 East Ham 3.

Metropolitan League.—Arsenal 1 Chelsea 1—Canterbury C 4 Brighton 0—Dartford 3 West Ham 2—Hastings Utd 1 Newbury 4—Luton 4 Guildford C 1. **Challenge Cup Third Rd**: Bedford 2 Fulham 3.

South East Counties League.—Bexleyheath 2 Luton 6—Brentford 0 L Orient 1—Charlton 2 Millwall 3—Chelsea 8 Watford 0—Fulham 4 C Palace 5—West Ham 2 Tottenham 2.

Spartan League Challenge Cup.—First Rnd: Boreham Wood 12 Bletchley 2—Huntley and P 1 Ruislip Manor 2—Molesey 3 Marlow 0—Rayners Lane 3 Staines 1—Vauxhall Motors 1 Histon 2—Wood Green 1 Met Police 5.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION.—Div I: Arsenal 0 Ipswich 2—Bournemouth 1 Chelsea 1—Brighton 0 Swansea 0—Bristol City 2 Charlton 7—Leicester 6 Tottenham 0—Nottm For 3 L Orient 5—Portsmouth 0 Luton 1—Southend 2 Birmingham 5—West Ham 0 Southampton 0. **Div II**: Aldershot 2 Coventry 1—Brentford 1 Plymouth 6—Colchester 4 Notts Co 1—C Palace 3 Q.P.R. 1—Fulham 1 Cardiff 2—Gillingham 1 Shrewsbury 3—Watford 3 Reading 3. **Postponed**: Mansfield v Norwich.

IRISH LEAGUE.—Ards 4 Cliftonville 1—Crusaders 1 Portadown 1—Derry 6 Ballymena 1—Glenavon 4 Coleraine 2—Glentoran 1 Distillery 2.

RUGBY LEAGUE CUP.—First Round: Barrow 2 Whitehaven 8—Batley 2 Keighley 8—Blackpool B 2 Leigh 10—Castleford 4 Bradford N 8—Dewsbury 4 Swinton 23—Doncaster 0 Rochdale H 15—Hunslet 5 Wigan 9—Leeds 8 Hull K R 5—Liverpool C 3 Bramley 3—Oldham 13 Huddersfield 11—St Helens 10 Wakefield T 15—Salford 0 Halifax 3—Widnes 14 Warrington 6—Workington T 6 Featherstone R 15—York 0 Hull 2.

HOCKEY

County Championship Semi-final.—Middlesex 4 Lancs 0—Somerset 1 Herts 1.

Other Matches.—Bk of England 1 Lensbury 1—Blackheath 3 R Engineers 0—Dulwich 4 H.A.C. 0—Gravesend 5 St Albans 3—Merton 4 Lloyds Bk 4—N.P.B. 6 N.P.L. 2—St Thomas's Hosp 2 Met Police 0—Trinity Coll (Camb) 3 Cambs Nomads 5—Wallington 0 Barnes 0—Aylesford P.M. 3 Univ Coll (Oxford) 3—Camb Univ 6 Tramps 2.

Women's Territorial Match (at Bournemouth).—West 1 Midlands 2.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Division I

(Half-time scores in parentheses)

BLACKBRN (2) 3 Dougan, Clayton	MAN CITY (0) 1 Barlow—23,700
BLACKPOOL (1) 2 Mudie, Perry	ARSENAL (1) 1 Charles—14,868
BOLTON (0) 1 Stanley	NOTTM F (0) 1 Wilson—16,218
CHELSEA (3) 4 Greaves 2, Tindall 2	FULHAM (0) 2 Haynes, Bentley—38,687
EVERTON (0) 0 —51,135	WOLVES (0) 2 Murray 2
LUTON (0) 0 —14,392	SHEFF WED (0) 1 Fantham
MAN UTD (1) 1 Viollet	PRESTON (0) 1 Finney—44,014
NEWCSTLE (1) 2 Hughes, White	LEEDS (1) 1 Revie—16,130
TOTTENHM (0) 1 Smith	LEICESTER (1) 2 Walsh 2—33,504

POSTPONED: Birmingham v Burnley, W.B.A. v West Ham.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		Home			Goals		Away			Goals		
Tottnham	29	8	4	3	33	18	7	4	2	28	16	38
Burnley	28	10	0	4	34	23	6	4	4	26	[illegible]	36
Wolves	29	10	2	2	39	17	6	2	7	32	36	36
Sheff W	29	8	5	1	35	11	6	1	8	19	22	34
Preston	29	6	5	3	24	21	6	4	5	26	28	33
Bolton	28	7	4	3	23	17	6	2	6	14	15	32
W B A	28	7	2	5	31	18	6	5	4	23	22	31
Blackbrn	29	10	2	3	32	19	4	1	9	17	28	31
Wst Hm	28	10	0	4	36	37	4	3	7	18	33	31
Fulham	29	9	2	4	29	19	4	3	7	24	39	31
Man Utd	29	8	3	4	37	24	3	4	7	29	34	29
Newcstle	29	7	3	5	31	24	5	2	7	28	34	29
Blckpool	29	7	4	4	28	22	3	3	8	14	30	27
Chelsea	29	5	3	6	31	38	5	3	7	25	30	26
Arsenal	29	5	3	6	36	29	5	3	7	24	32	26
Man City	29	7	2	5	35	26	4	1	10	25	36	25
Leicester	29	4	5	5	22	23	4	4	7	23	38	25
Nottm F	29	5	3	5	20	20	4	2	9	15	34	25
Everton	29	8	3	4	32	16	0	4	10	13	28	23
Leeds	29	3	4	7	24	32	5	3	7	24	34	23
Brmghm	29	6	4	4	24	20	2	1	11	14	32	21
Luton	28	4	2	9	16	23	2	5	6	16	27	19

Division II

BRIS ROV (2) 3 Ward, Bradford 2	STOKE (1) 1 Ratcliffe—11,421
CARDIFF (4) 6 Bonson 2, Watkins 2, Tapscott, Walsh	LINCOLN (0) 2 Commons, McClelland—15,000
HUDDRSFD (1) 1 Law	SUNDRLND (0) 1 Lawther—9,648
HULL (0) 1 Smith	ROTHRHM (0) 0 —10,171
IPSWICH (0) 1 Phillips (pen)	PORTSMTH (0) 1 Saunders—12,502
L ORIENT (0) 0	A VILLA (0) 0 —18,993
MIDDLSBRO (3) 6 Clough 3, Harris (pen), McLean 2	BRISTOL C (1) 3 Rogers, Graham, Cavanagh (pen)—17,643
PLYMOUTH (1) 1 Carter	LIVERPOOL (1) 1 Hickson—16,998
SHEFF UTD (0) 2 Pace, Lewis	SCUNTHRPE (1) 1 Thomas—16,460
SWANSEA (2) 2 Nurse (pen), Webster	BRIGHTON (2) 2 Curry, Jones—10,000

POSTPONED: Derby v Charlton.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		Home			Goals		Away			Goals		
A Villa	30	13	1	0	46	7	6	6	4	24	17	45
Cardiff	30	12	1	1	45	22	6	7	3	25	18	44
Rothrhm	29	6	6	2	22	16	8	3	4	28	24	37
Mddlsbro	29	11	4	0	46	15	4	2	8	25	30	36
Sheff Utd	29	9	2	4	31	18	4	5	5	16	21	33
Hddrsfld	29	8	3	4	33	18	4	5	5	19	19	32
Ipswich	29	10	3	2	42	18	4	1	9	18	27	32
Livrpool	28	9	2	2	31	20	3	5	7	21	27	31
Stoke C	30	7	3	5	35	27	5	4	6	22	29	31
Bristol R	29	7	6	2	32	24	4	2	8	20	37	30
L Orient	29	8	3	4	33	18	1	8	5	20	28	29
Charlton	28	7	6	1	33	19	2	5	7	21	41	29
Scnthrpe	29	7	5	2	28	15	3	3	9	12	32	28
Swansea	28	7	5	2	33	21	3	2	9	21	35	27
Lincoln	29	6	3	6	24	17	4	2	8	26	40	25
Brighton	29	5	4	5	20	21	3	4	8	22	33	24
Sndrlnd	29	5	4	5	23	19	2	5	8	14	30	23
Plymth	30	6	6	5	31	33	1	3	10	15	39	22
Derby C	27	8	4	4	22	18	2	1	10	18	34	21
Prtsmth	29	3	5	6	26	27	3	4	8	17	30	21
Bristol C	28	8	2	7	18	22	2	2	10	25	45	18
Hull C	29	4	4	7	18	26	2	2	10	14	38	18

Division III

BARNSLEY (1) 2 Stainsby, Tindill	BURY (1) 2 Jackson, Calder—3,508
BRAD CITY (0) 0	BORNMTH (0) 0 —12,754
COVENTRY (2) 2 Satchwell, Daley	ACCRNGTN (1) 1 Swindells—10,691
GRIMSBY (2) 3 Hunt, Rafferty, Scott	WREXHAM (1) 1 Brown—7,002
NORWICH (0) 2 Crowe (pen), Crossan	BRENTFRD (0) 1 Francis—22,388
PORT VALE (1) 1 Donaldson	COLCHSTR (1) 1 King—10,248
Q.P.R. (2) 2 Andrews, Keen	TRANMERE (1) 1 Finney—4,922
READING (1) 3 Wheeler 2, Whitehouse	MANSFIELD (1) 2 Taylor, Delapenha—5,895
SHREWSBY (1) 1 Starkey—6,263	SOUTHEND (3) 3 Houghton, Pountney o.g., McCrory
STHMPTON (3) 3 Mulgrew 2, Reeves—11,515	HALIFAX (2) 2 Blackburn, Large
SWINDON (1) 1 Layne—5,929	CHESTRFLD (0) 1 Hutchinson

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		Home			Goals		Away			Goals		
Bury	32	11	1	4	26	16	7	4	5	24	15	41
Sthmptn	29	14	1	1	51	23	3	5	5	23	26	40
Norwich	31	11	1	3	36	19	6	4	6	24	23	39
Coventry	29	11	3	1	32	13	5	3	6	26	25	38
Grimsby	31	8	5	3	35	20	4	6	5	28	30	35
Brnemth	31	8	8	2	31	18	5	4	7	20	29	35
Shrwsby	30	10	4	3	44	24	3	4	6	26	29	34
Colchstr	32	10	4	1	31	14	3	4	10	23	37	34
Q P R	31	9	4	1	29	11	4	3	10	24	28	33
Brad C	30	8	6	2	30	17	4	3	7	23	27	33
Port Vle	31	12	3	2	37	15	2	2	10	17	37	33
York C	32	9	4	2	28	16	2	6	9	15	32	32
Brentfrd	31	8	4	2	30	18	4	3	10	23	31	31
Swindon	31	8	5	3	26	19	4	1	10	17	29	30
Newport	29	10	0	2	37	19	3	3	11	13	35	29
Barnsley	31	8	5	3	29	21	2	4	9	16	31	29
Halifax	31	8	2	6	29	21	3	5	7	15	32	30
Reading	31	9	2	6	39	31	1	5	8	24	33	27
Southnd	30	10	1	4	35	19	1	3	11	12	34	26
Trenmre	31	6	6	2	36	21	2	2	13	17	38	24
Chestrfld	30	7	3	7	27	28	3	1	9	18	32	24
Wrexhm	31	8	1	6	26	24	1	2	13	24	50	21
Accrngtn	32	3	4	9	22	36	5	0	11	19	48	20
Mansfld	29	8	4	4	32	32	2	1	12	22	50	19

Division IV

CARLISLE (0) 0	OLDHAM (0) 1 Bazley—2,000
CHESTER (0) 0	C PALACE (1) 1 Woan—5,132
CREWE (2) 4 Wheatley, Jones M, Walker o.g., Llewellyn	BRADFORD (1) 1 Allan—5,595
DONCASTER (1) 1 Leighton	GATESHEAD (0) 0 —2,710
HARTLEPLS (1) 2 Smith, Clark	STOCKPRT (0) 1 Ritchie—2,676
MILLWALL (1) 3 Pierce, Brand, Heckman (pen)	BARROW (2) 3 Bannan 2 (1 pen), Murdoch—9,218
NRTHMPTN (1) 3 Olah 2, Kane	DARLNGTN (1) 1 Baxter—3,477
NOTTS CO (2) 2 Bircumshaw, Forrest	WATFORD (0) 1 Holton—18,423
SOUTHPRT (1) 1 Blain	GILLINGHM (0) 1 Shepherd—2,551
TORQUAY (1) 2 Bond, Pym	ALDERSHOT (1) 1 Kirkup—3,658
WRKNGTN (0) 2 Harburn, McGarry	ROCHDALE (0) 0 —2,488

POSTPONED: Walsall v Exeter.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		Home			Goals		Away			Goals		
Walsall	30	13	2	2	46	21	9	2	2	26	12	48
Notts Co	33	16	0	1	50	14	4	4	8	30	34	44
Torquay	32	11	3	3	39	16	6	1	7	31	20	41
Millwall	32	8	7	1	35	20	5	7	4	31	26	40
Watford	29	12	1	2	42	16	4	3	7	17	29	36
Stockport	32	12	2	2	27	8	3	4	9	17	27	36
C Palace	31	10	3	3	54	20	5	2	8	15	26	35
Exeter	31	10	3	3	32	21	4	3	8	22	29	34
Rochdale	32	11	3	2	30	[illegible]	2	4	10	16	31	33
Carlisle	32	8	2	6	19	20	5	4	7	13	20	32
Workgtn	32	7	6	2	29	14	3	5	9	22	30	31
Bradford	30	9	5	1	25	18	2	4	9	16	30	31
Gillnghm	30	11	2	2	30	13	1	5	10	19	26	31
Chester	32	8	5	4	29	20	3	3	9	15	28	30
Crewe	31	10	2	4	35	24	2	4	9	18	40	30
Darlngtn	32	9	3	3	31	18	4	1	12	12	34	30
Aldershot	33	9	3	3	32	18	1	1	14	22	47	28
Nthmptn	28	17	4	4	23	16	3	3	7	23	28	27
Barrow	31	7	7	1	35	19	2	1	13	13	45	26
Doncastr	31	8	2	6	24	19	1	4	10	19	34	24
Gateshd	32	8	2	5	26	19	0	4	13	17	42	22
Southprt	30	7	4	4	22	20	0	3	12	8	41	21
Hartlepls	32	7	1	8	30	29	1	3	12	16	48	20
Oldham	32	3	7	5	13	13	3	3	12	15	37	20

HIGHEST SCORE—6.
Cardiff, Middlesbrough, Motherwell, St. Johnstone.
HIGHEST AGGREGATE—9
Middlesbrough 6, Bristol C. 3
HOME WINS 29.
AWAY WINS 10. DRAWS 19.
GOALS TOTAL—190.
(League and Cup matches)

Southern League

PREMIER DIVISION

CAMB CITY 2 Nicholson 2	WISBECH 1 Pye—3,417
CHELMSFORD 2 Hayward (pen), Eisentrager—2,678	WEYMOUTH 4 Stocker 2, McIntosh, Hobson
KETTERING 0	HEREFORD 0 —1,313
POOLE 2 Dixon, Dunsmuir	NUNEATON 2 Morrison, Plant—838
WELLINGTON 4 Cocum 2, Windsor, Hoof	BEDFORD 2 Robinson, Hukin—1,350
YEOVIL 2 Phillips, Dennis	HASTINGS 0 —1,942

POSTPONED: Boston v Barry, Cheltenham v Headington.

	P	W	Pts		P	W	Pts
Bath	24	20	42	Cheltnhm	24	11	25
Headingtn	26	17	39	Wellington	27	9	23
Weymouth	27	14	34	Kings Lynn	24	8	21
Chelmsfrd	26	14	31	Wisbech	25	9	21
Boston	27	12	29	Hastings	22	8	22
Tonbridge	26	12	28	Gravesend	21	9	21
Bedford	27	13	28	Nuneaton	25	7	19
Camb City	27	10	28	Poole	26	7	19
Yeovil	29	10	27	Barry	25	3	18
Dartford	28	10	27	Kettering	26	3	16
Hereford	27	10	26	Worcester	27	5	15

FIRST DIVISION

EXETER 2 Bennett 2	HINCKLEY 1 Round—1,494
GUILDFORD 1 Gunning—1,705	MERTHYR 2 Skyme, Vater
KIDDERMNSTR 3 Elkins-Green, Brennan, Shuck	CORBY 2 McKay, Morris—250
RUGBY 1 Roberts	ROMFORD 1 Kavanagh—600
TROWBRIDGE 3 Lambden 2, Samuson	CAMBRIDGE U 0 —735

	P	W	Pts		P	W	Pts
Clacton	25	15	34	Merthyr	28	9	23
Guildford	28	14	32	Kidrmnstr	29	10	24
Folkestone	23	15	32	Bexleyhth	25	8	21
Margate	26	14	31	Burton	25	9	21
Sittngbrne	28	12	31	Ashford	22	9	21
Exeter Res	23	14	30	Tnbrdge W	24	9	21
Romford	27	11	30	Corby	27	10	21
Hinckley	27	11	27	Gloucester	27	8	21
Yiewsley	24	10	26	Dover	24	9	20
Camb Utd	27	10	26	Rugby	23	6	19
Trowbrdge	26	9	23	Ramsgate	24	8	19

Scottish Cup—2nd rd

ABERDEEN (0) 0	CLYDE (1) 2
ALLOA (0) 1	AIRDRIE (2) 5
COWDNBTH (1) 1	FALKIRK (0) 0
DUNDEE U (0) 2	PARTICK (1) 2
DUNFRMLN (1) 2	STNHSEMR (1) 3
E STIRLING (2) 2	INVERNESS (0) 2
ELGIN C (2) 5	FORFAR (1) 1
EYEMOUTH (1) 1	ALBION (0) 0
MONTROSE (1) 2	QUEEN'S P (1) 2
MOTHRWLL (4) 6	KEITH (0) 0
RANGERS (2) 2	ARBROATH (0) 0
ST MIRREN (0) 1	CELTIC (0) 1
STIRLING A (1) 3	QN OF STH (1) 3

POSTPONED: Hearts v Kilmarnock, Hibernian v Dundee, Peebles v Ayr.

Scottish Division II

BERWICK (0) 2	EAST FIFE (0) 0
DUMBARTN (0) 1	MORTON (1) 1
S JOHNSTN (4) 6	BRECHIN (2) 2
STENRAER (0) 1	HAMILTON (1) 2

	P	W	Pts		P	W	Pts
St Jhnstne	28	19	42	Albion Rov	26	9	25
Dundee U	27	16	38	Falkirk	26	8	23
Montrose	27	16	36	Alloa	27	9	23
Hamilton	27	18	35	Morton	26	7	19
Qn of Sth	27	14	34	E Stirling	26	7	19
Stnhsmuir	28	18	33	East Fife	26	7	18
Berwick	28	13	31	Stranraer	26	6	14
Qns Park	27	16	31	Forfar	28	3	12
Dumbarton	27	12	30	Cowdnbth	25	8	10
Brechin	27	12	29				

Rugby results

INTERNATIONAL.—England 8 Ireland 5 (Twickenham). **Club Matches**: Aberavon 8 Cardiff 6—Birkenhead Pk 18 Coventry 11—Bridgend 8 Abertillery 9—Bristol 3 St Luke's Coll 0—Devonport Serv 6 Taunton 1—Exeter 3 Streatham 0—Headingley 0 Bedford 8—Liverpool 22 Broughton Pk 5—Ldn Hosp 0 Rugby 8—Ldn Welsh 3 Ldn Irish 6—Met Police 23 Alleynians 0—Neath 3 R.A.F. 8—New Brighton 38 Otley 0—Northampton 38 Waterloo 3—O Blues 0 Plymouth A 3—O Cranleighans 0 U.S. Portsmouth 6—Penarth 14 Cheltenham 3—Pontypridd 3 Cross Keys 3—Richmond 8 Blackheath 3—Rosslyn Pk 6 Sale 5—Rutlishians 3 Oxford 6—St Mary's Hosp 5 Redruth 17—Saracens 0 Notts 9—Swansea 18 Llanelly 3—Wasps 6 Cambridge Un 0—Weston 13 Clifton 3—Esher 3 Gosforth 6. Newport 19 Leicester 9.

POSTPONED GAMES MAY BOOST DIVIS

POSTPONED matches upset dividends this week. With thousands of treble chance entries including the Birmingham and Derby games a maximum score of 24 points could pick up a higher than average dividend.

With so few away winners minor dividends should also be good. The Three Draws will be low. Four Aways will be very good.

Shocks at Tottenham, Carlisle, Millwall, and Shrewsbury will help boost returns for the Nine and Ten Results.

Penny Pools returns will be about average.

COUPON CHECK

LITTLEWOODS
Points: P 1 2 2 X 1 P 1 X X X 1 1 X
Easier Six: 2 X X X 1 X

VERNONS
Points: P 2 2 1 P 1 X X X X 1 X
Simple Six: P 2 1 X X 1

SHERMANS
Points: P 1 2 2 X 1 P 1 X X X 1 X
Easy Six: P 2 2 X X 1

COPES
Points: P 1 2 2 X 1 P 1 X X X 2 1
Results: P 1 2 2 1 P 1 X X X 1 1
Easy Six: P 2 1 X X 1

SOCCER
Points: P 1 2 2 1 1 X X 2 1 1 X
Results: P 1 2 2 1 X X X 1 1 X 1
Six Results: 1 2 2 X P 1

EMPIRE
Points: P 1 2 2 X 1 1 X X X 1 X
Easy Six: P 2 X 1 X X

MURPHYS
Points: P 1 2 2 X 1 1 X X X X 1
Simple Six: P 2 X X X 1

ZETTERS
Points: P 2 2 X 1 1 X X X X 1 X
Attractive Six: 2 X 1 X X X

HILL'S FIXED ODDS
14 Results: 1 X 2 1 X X 1 2 X P X P 1 X
Short List: P X 2 1 X X 1 2
Fair Four: X 1 X P

P Postponed

SOUTHALL ROCK TOO-CASUAL TOOTING

by COLIN BARR

JACK RAWLINGS, ex-England amateur inside forward now team manager of Amateur Cup challengers **SOUTHALL**, shrugged aside his team's 1—1 draw against third-round rivals **TOOTING**.

Rawlings said afterwards: "Tooting supplied some grand football and should have won the match in the first half with the chances they had. My lads made jolly good use of the few they got."

The so-called Terrors ambled too confidently into a 60-minute lead through left-half Ted Murphy, who beat brilliant keeper John Adamson with an 18-yard ground shot.

Adamson displayed a brand of fearlessness and near-perfect anticipation that matched the tenacity of his fellow defenders. They continued to check Tooting's goal-thrust, with captain Paddy Walsh off injured before half-time.

Then, three minutes from time, Tooting pivot Brian Bennett appealed vainly for offside, but Ron Hudson sped on to equalise.

Nine for Enfield

ENFIELD, awaiting the winners of this tie, sent their manager George Ludford a-spying at Tooting. He came away confident, not knowing that his boys had shattered **WALTON AND HERSHAM 9—2**.

Enfield's goal-chart reads: Alan McDonnell (3), Roy Thomas (2), Tommy Lawrence (2), Roy Agar and Brian Ridley.

HAYES prepare for a trip to meet holders Crook Town following a great fight-back that brought them 5—3 victory against **FORD UNITED** after being 3—0 behind. Roy Barwell (2) and John Reay forced extra time.

Came the blow of the season for Hayes when right-winger Charlie Lewis was rushed to hospital with a suspected broken leg.

But no stopping Hayes' fighting forwards. Barwell raced through to claim his hat-trick, and Jimmy Watts added another goal.

HENDON drew 1—1 against **CARSHALTON** while their coach, former England centre half Dexter Adams, was away watching next Saturday's fourth round opponents **WEST AUCKLAND** in Durham.

The Northern League side won their Durham County Challenge Cup tie 2—0 against **HORDEN**. Good news for Adams. Hendon's unfit centre-forward Miles Spector, rested yesterday, will be fit for the cup.

F.A. Amateur Cup

THIRD ROUND
TOOTING (0) 1 SOUTHALL (0) 1

THIRD ROUND REPLAY
HAYES (0) 5 FORD U (2) 3
(after extra time)

POSTPONED
Ferryhill Ath v Kingstonian (to be played next Saturday). **Fourth Round match between winner and Carshalton has been put back to February 27).**

Point-to-point dates

Point-to-point meetings arranged for next Saturday are Cambridgeshire Harriers (at Cottenham) and United Services (at Larkhill, Wiltshire).

OUR SKIPPER IS BACK ON SKIS

CAPTAIN JOHN OAKES, of the Irish Guards, Britain's ski captain, has left hospital after gastric flu, and has done light training at Squaw Valley, California, in preparation for the Winter Olympics which open there next Thursday.

The rest of the British party were "fighting fit and in good heart," said Sandy Duncan, the team commandent.

There are now some 850 athletes and officials living in the Olympic village. A large delegation of Russian officials is expected today (states Reuter).

An electronic "brain" has been installed to provide the fastest scoring of sports events in Olympics history.

For the first time competitors will know the results of their jumps, leaps, spins, and races while the events are still in progress.

Trueman attacks —but McMorris checks M.C.C.

JAMAICA forced a draw with the M.C.C. at Kingston yesterday, despite a fine spell by Freddie Truman which earlier had given the tourists an outside chance of victory.

But main talking points were . . . Worrell's fibrositis and sprained ankle, which may keep him out of the third Test on Wednesday; the encouraging X-ray on Sobers's foot; and Peter May's dynamic return to form.

The X-ray showed that Sobers had not broken any bones.

After declaring 151 runs ahead before lunch M.C.C. were given a tremendous boost by Trueman, who captured the first three wickets at a personal cost of 14 runs.

The three wickets tumbled for 27 and a fourth fell to Ray Illingworth at 63, but a determined fifth-wicket stand of 51 by Easton McMorris and Reg Scarlett checked the tourists.

At tea Jamaica were 114 for four in their second innings. They had made 374 in their first innings, M.C.C. replying with 525 for six declared—their highest total ever against Jamaica.

The early declaration was made possible by some quick scoring by Mike Smith, who made 111, and Illingworth, 60 not out. May declared when Smith was leg before.

The fighting qualities of McMorris must have impressed the West Indies selectors, particularly after his first-innings century.

Though mostly on the defensive, he took two 4's off Greenhough with a sweep and a cover drive. He reached 50 (eight 4's) out of 94 in 2hr. 24min.

Scarlett had five 4's in his first 21 runs and at tea, taken at 114 for four, Jamaica had a good chance of saving the game.

Leg-spinner Tom Greenhough broke the McMorris-Scarlett stand, bowling both batsmen, and Raman Subba Row had Hendricks stumped by Andrew.

Scoreboard

At Kingston.—JAMAICA: First Innings 374 (E McMorris 104, F Worrell 75, R Scarlett 72; F Trueman 4—54).

JAMAICA.—Second Innings

J Holt b Trueman	0
E McMorris b Greenhough	74
V Lumsden lbw Trueman	0
E Griffiths b Trueman	15
A Rae c Trueman b Illingworth	6
R Scarlett b Greenhough	59
J Hendricks st Andrew b Subba Row	23
L Mullings not out	6
Extras	19
Total (7 wkts)	202

Bowling — Trueman 11-4-27-3; Moss 8-4-14-0; Greenhough 21-10-54-2; Illingworth 11-6-21-1; Barrington 14-4-42-0; Dexter 3-1-13-0; Subba Row 3-1-6-1.

Fall of wickets—1—0, 2—7, 3—27, 4—63, 5—172, 6—183, 7—202.

M.C.C.—First innings

M Cowdrey b Scarlett	19
R Subba Row c Watson b Valentine	92
K Barrington c Lumsden b Valentine	30
P May b Mullings	124
E Dexter c McMorris b Scarlett	75
M Smith lbw Scarlett	111
R Illingworth not out	60
B 7, lb 2, w 1, nb 4	14
Total (6 wkts dec)	525

Bowling.—Watson 0—94, Worrell 0—19, Valentine 2—108, Griffith 0—65, Scarlett 3—113, Mullings 1—101, Lumsden 0—15.

Fall of Wickets.—1—56, 2—109, 3—177, 4—332, 5—382, 6—525.

S. AFRICANS WILL TEST MAY & CO.

by DENIS COMPTON

STAND by for a tough challenge to English cricket this summer when the South Africans arrive here on tour.

Their selectors announced last night the 15 players in the party—and they have chosen an experienced, well-balanced side.

If the weather is kind to the tourists, Peter May's team will be involved in a close, hard series.

On paper the South Africans' batting is considerable—a blend of aggression with soundness. Once they settle down they should develop into a high-scoring and attractive side.

Jackie McGlew is still probably the world's best opening bat, and will lead his side intelligently and forcefully.

Trevor Goddard, Peter Caulstein, and Roy McLean, Jon Fellows-Smith and Chris Duckworth are the stroke players. At their best they will give immense pleasure to our cricketing public.

Still the best

John Waite is still the best wicketkeeper-batsman in the world and Sid O'Linn, the ex-Charlton footballer, will be a capable deputy.

The tourists' bowling strength will test our batsmen to the full. Neil Adcock, is faster and more accurate than when he was last here.

Geoffrey Griffin, a newcomer to Test cricket, is only a shade below Adcock's pace, and South Africa should have a penetrating opening attack.

Hugh Tayfield has lost none of his accuracy and guile, he can be relied upon to bowl economically for long spells.

Once again the fielding promises to be up to the brilliant standard associated with South African teams.

The party is: **Jackie McGlew** (capt.) (Natal), **Trevor Goddard** (vice-capt.) (Natal), **Neil Adcock** (Transvaal), **Peter Carlstein** (Transvaal), **Chris Duckworth** (Rhodesia), **Jon Fellows-Smith** (Transvaal), **Geoffrey Griffin** (Natal), **Athol McKinnon** (Eastern Province), **Roy McLean** (Natal), **Sid O'Linn** (Transvaal), **Anthony Pithey** (Rhodesia), **James Pothecary** (Western Province), **Hugh Tayfield** (Transvaal), **John Waite** (Transvaal), **Colin Wesley** (Natal).

Billy Knight in Paris final

Billy Knight, Northamptonshire left-hander, gained a good straight sets win over Kurt Nielsen, of Denmark, to enter the men's singles final of the French indoor lawn tennis championships in Paris yesterday. He won 9—7, 6—1, 6—4.

Angela Mortimer and Ann Haydon, the British internationals, defeated Renate Ostermann, of Germany, and Christiane Mercelis, of Belgium, 6—1, 6—2 in the women's doubles final.

The British girls meet today in the singles final.

LET'S GO FISHING . . . ROACH (1) . . . by HAL MOUNT

PLAYERS IN MILLWALL BRAWL

Two penalties . . . goalkeeper is knocked out in collision

BIG GAME SPECIALS PAGE

ORIENT'S FOSTER HAS 'STAR' LOOK

Leyton Orient 0 Aston Villa 0: by ALAN HOBY

JOE MERCER, the master-mind behind Aston Villa's tireless and magnificent defence—only 24 goals have been conceded in 30 League games—correctly summed up this stalemate in the slush when he said after it was all over: "How both teams played so well in such appalling conditions I shall never know. The state of the pitch was totally against good football. It was a marvellous show by the 22 players."

Joe can say that again . . . right from Villa's opening onslaught it was obvious that the cool, poised, scientific Soccer that has taken the boys in the famous claret-and-blue to the summit of the Second Division would be clogged and bogged down in "mud, mud, glorious mud."

Add to the glue beneath their slithering boots an Orient half-back line—Ken Facey, Syd Bishop, and Dennis Sorrell—which rose nobly to the challenge of Villa's 70-goal attack, and you will understand why the scoreline remained goalless.

Indeed, I can hand Orient no higher praise than to place it firmly on record that all through the match they were just as good a side as the Second Division leaders.

For as that wry humorist Orient inside-right Eddy Brown told me: "When you play Villa there always seems to be about two dozen claret-and-blue shirts between you and goal."

Eddy, who damaged his right ankle 17 minutes after half time, *nearly* scored a glorious first-half goal when goalkeeper Nigel Sims just tipped his blazing drive over the bar.

Orient's slim 20-year-old left-winger Terry McDonald had an even better chance nine minutes after the interval. With the goal gaping like a cavern he headed over the bar.

But the miss of the match came from Villa's free-scoring Scottish inside-right Bobby Thomson. Sixteen minutes after half time Thomson shot across goal from close in from right-winger Jimmy McEwan's pass. The ball, however, rolled inches the wrong side of a post.

Orient's centre half, Syd Bishop, was tremendous. He played Villa leader Gerry Hitchens out of the game.

Goalkeeper Groombridge made some "suicide" saves, while the full-backs, Alan Eagles and Stan Charlton, never faltered.

But for me Orient's footballer of the future is inside left Ron Foster, a dark-haired, 20-year-old starlet who lives opposite Arsenal's main stand.

Spurs miss that Harmer magic

Spurs 1, Leicester 2: by DENIS COMPTON

THE prima donnas of English football at the moment were, surprisingly, humbled by lowly Leicester—and, what is more, deservedly so. I must say, though, in all fairness, that conditions were so appalling that they brought the Spurs' standard of play down to the level of the ordinary mortal.

The 45-second goal scored by Leicester helped considerably to disturb the poise and rhythm of the Spurs play. Tottenham appeared far too anxious and, generally speaking, their moves were carried out hurriedly and rather thoughtlessly.

It was very obvious that they missed tremendously the generalship and cunning of Harmer. And Marchi, deputising for the injured Mackay, was sadly off-form for the League leaders.

Walsh, Leicester City's centre forward, who was made skipper for the day in the absence of Chalmers, celebrated his promotion with two fine goals and, indeed, played splendidly throughout.

He gave Leicester their early lead when Appleton took the ball from Blanchflower and pushed it forward to him. Walsh's left-foot shot had just enough impetus to cross the line.

This goal unsettled the Spurs temporarily and only fine saves by Brown from Wills and Walsh kept the scoring down.

Eventually Cliff Jones relieved the pressure with two fine runs. His speed through the mud was quite fantastic—but first Smith and then Allen shot wide from good positions.

Smith tried desperately hard to plough a way through the middle but Knapp, the Leicester centre half, was a tough customer to shake off.

The second half opened with a tremendous onslaught from the Spurs. They equalised in the 49th minute. White crossed from the right and, after a goalmouth scramble, the ball ran loose to Smith who shot from close range.

Then came a series of missed chances. Smith hit the bar when he should have scored. Allen shot wide from six yards and later hit a post with only goalkeeper Banks to beat.

The spirited Spurs rally died out. Leicester came back into the game and, after 67 minutes, went ahead again. Richard Norman, their left back, sent a long ball to Walsh, who with Marchi reluctant to tackle, went forward unchallenged to shoot past Brown.

Snap start then Arsenal totter

Blackpool 2, Arsenal 1: by GEORGE REYNOLDS

NOT so long ago when the mighty Gunners headed North it used to be a date for the fans to underline in red ink. But not any more. And after this couldn't-care-less display by the Londoners they will be making a note to stay away in the future.

So great is the slide of the once-mighty Arsenal that they were dubbed with the "worst-team-of-the-season" tag after this display at Bloomfield-road.

At least Blackpool tried hard all the time, and if they weren't brilliant they could have run out with a six-goal margin but for poor finishing.

But Arsenal really touched bottom even though they got off to a flying start with a four-minute gift goal.

There was no determination at all about their forward play except by big Mel Charles, who ran up against a brick wall in the shape of Blackpool's centre half Roy Gratrix.

Tommy Docherty worked non-stop to hold the shaky defence together, but they were in full retreat in the second half when the seasiders ran rings round them.

If 45-year-old Stan Matthews is slowing up he can still teach most people all about the game's airs and graces.

Starved of the ball on the right wing, he gradually drifted across to link on the other side of the field with Bill Perry.

But even Stan was caught up in the current Blackpool poor finishing fever and in one solo raid he shot high over the bar.

Arsenal's early goal came when Charles reached a beautiful Len Wills free kick a fraction ahead of Blackpool's goalkeeper Tony Waters.

Blackpool missed chances galore before Charnley slipped the ball through to Mudie to equalise in the 35th minute.

Then Matthews sparked off the winner in the second half, putting the ball through with ruler-like precision to Perry whose 30-yard shot crashed past Kelsey.

Tough day for two referees

by JAMES CONNOLLY

REFEREES Ron Warnke, the "strong-man" from Coventry, and Jack Husband, of London, had stormy times yesterday.

Warnke, who has sent off three players this season, was in charge of the Millwall-Barrow match. It turned into a brawl.

There were two penalties, wild kicking—not always at the ball—and more than one punch was flung. And Warnke "booked" Barrow inside left Murdoch.

The trouble started when the Barrow goalkeeper was knocked out in a 54th-minute collision with Millwall's Ray Brand. Next, Millwall 'keeper Reg Davies went down in a heap, legs and arms flying in all directions.

Then Millwall inside left Sam Wilson and Murdoch had to be pulled apart.

When Barrow went 3—2 ahead in the 58th minute, Warnke called the captains together. Afterwards he said: "It's been a difficult game."

Linesman Norman Matthews was more frank. He said: "The players were niggling from the first five minutes. You won't see a worse game this season." The result: 3—3.

Referee Husband also called both captains together for a lecture as the second half of the Swindon-Chesterfield match got tough.

Earlier he had spoken to Marshall (Swindon) and Hutchinson (Chesterfield). Later he warned two Chesterfield men, Bain and Smallwood.

More trouble at Luton. Sheffield Wednesday were booed off after winning 1—0. In the last seconds Luton back Brendan McNally moved into attack, and finished flat on his face.

There was some shoving and pushing between the teams as they walked off.

CHECKED

The fighting fire that has transformed Leicester City in their relegation battle checked mighty Spurs yesterday.

In 30 seconds, inside-left Jimmy Walsh put Leicester ahead, and he got the second-half winner after Bobby Smith had equalised.

Leicester, who have lost only two of their last 10 League games, move up to 17th place.

Spurs are still First Division leaders, three points ahead of Burnley and Wolves.

Wolves snapped out of those Barcelona blues to beat Everton 2—0 at Goodison.

Mel Charles gave Arsenal a fourth-minute lead at Blackpool. But Jack Mudie levelled it. And Bill Perry snapped the Blackpool winner, from a Stan Matthews pass.

Preston, who have not won a League match since November 28, drew 1—1 with Manchester United at Old Trafford.

Johnny Fantham's 76th-minute goal for Sheffield Wednesday brought another defeat for desperate Luton.

Jimmy Greaves got two for Chelsea in the 4—2 win against Fulham.

VILLA HELD

Leyton Orient did well to hold Aston Villa to a 0—0 draw, but Villa are still Second Division leaders, a point better than challenging Cardiff who slammed Lincoln 6—2.

Rotherham are slipping. They lost 1—0 at Hull.

Bristol City are in real trouble. They lost 6—3 at Middlesbrough—Brian Clough got a hat-trick—while Portsmouth saved a point at Ipswich.

Southampton are Third Division promotion favourites after beating Halifax 3—2.

They are a point behind Bury, who drew at Barnsley, and Southampton have three games in hand. Derek Reeves, Saints' leader, made his goals total 36, a club record.

Norwich beat Brentford 2—1—after a fright. Towers had the ball in the net for an "equaliser," but the referee had blown for time while the ball was in flight.

FOOTNOTE. Snow brought the postponement of four Football League games, three Scottish Cup matches, and one F.A. Amateur Cup-tie.

● Tindall's triumph . . . he scored twice for Chelsea and here is the first of them—an acrobatic dive which sent the ball crashing into the Fulham net while defenders Langley, Macedo, Bentley, Cohen (behind post), and team-mate Johnny Brooks watched in wonder.

Brentford 'robbed' by whistle

Norwich 2, Brentford 1

ROBBERY. That was manager Malcolm MacDonald's verdict at Norwich after Brentford were beaten by the odd goal of three (writes **VICTOR CHURCHER**).

Even jubilant Norwich would not deny their luck, for they had taken the lead through a penalty in the 72nd minute and a split-second after referee J. F. Cooke of Cambridge had whistled the end of the match a shot from Jim Towers was sailing under the Norwich crossbar.

"I could not allow a goal. I blew my whistle as the forward kicked the ball," explained the referee.

It was such a close thing that 22,400 spectators were not sure that Norwich had won until the result was announced over the loud speakers.

Norwich had reverted to the eleven who won Cup fame last season with Terry Bly leading the attack and veteran Bobbie Brennan on the left wing. Ian Dargie gave Bly few chances.

The penalty, hotly disputed, came while Dargie was challenging Bly as the forward dashed through the middle. Dargie handled the ball but maintained he was pushed and could not avoid doing so.

Gerry Cakebread in the Brentford goal was right out of luck. He stopped the ball as left-half Crowe drove a fierce kick to the left of the goal, but it spun away from him for Crowe to get a second chance.

Seven minutes later George Francis had equalised for Brentford with a lob which had Sandy Kennon guessing.

The victory goal was Errol Crossan's seven minutes from the end. In a hectic scramble the little Canadian was the last to touch the ball on its way to the net. Lucky Crossan, lucky Norwich.

Rugby 1 Romford 1

ONLY a good display by former England international goalkeeper Ditchburn saved Romford from conceding both points to Rugby Town in their Southern League game yesterday. A goal by Kavanagh, whose shot rolled over the arms of goalkeeper Cashmore in the fifth minute, put Romford into the lead, but Rugby fought back and Ditchburn brought off great saves from Roberts, Tate, and Crawley.

Keeping up the pressure in the second half, Rugby drew level through Roberts in the 71st minute. A minute from the end, Roberts claimed he got the ball over the line again in a goalmouth scramble, but the referee waved play on.

DEBONAIR CHELSEA COULD HAVE HAD A HATFUL

Chelsea 4 Fulham 2: by JOHN THOMPSON

FULHAM'S inability to treat every situation as urgent until it was too late to do anything about it gave Chelsea the confidence they have so long needed.

They even delayed scoring until Chelsea had a four-goal lead, and by then their opponents were playing with debonair assurance.

Chelsea's quickness into the tackle, readiness to meet the ball, and accuracy in parting with it, were qualities Fulham never looked like equalling.

Inadequately supported by inside-forwards Haynes and Stokes, the Fulham defence was often baffled by the tormenting runs of Greaves, the sudden rush for an opening by Brabrook, and the sturdy dash of Tindall.

Chelsea had so many narrow misses that they might well have doubled their score with a little luck.

Greaves and Peter Sillett both hit the posts and only the skill and pluck of Macedo kept the ball out on several other occasions.

No real shot

The fact that Chelsea goalkeeper Robertson did not have a real shot to save until he fielded one from Leggat in the 40th minute was indicative of Chelsea's supremacy.

Their first goal, in the 19th minute, came when Greaves took advantage of a misunderstanding between Bentley and Macedo, who both seemed under the impression that the other had covered a weak clearance.

Greaves scored again in the 30th minute—after Brabrook had been sent away on the wing by Tindall. Another magnificent run by Brabrook presented Tindall with the third. Still another dart past poor Langley by Brabrook enabled Tindall to make it 4—0 (78min.).

In the 77th minute Haynes, who could hardly be described as having dominated the occasion, scored for Fulham after the ball had bounced off a corner flag.

Bentley, hard-working and valiant captain for the day against his old club, showed his colleagues the way to succeed by ramming home another four minutes from the end.

It is doubtful whether this consolation was deserved.

GIFT GOAL HELPS OUT LUCKY RANGERS

Q.P.R. 2, Tranmere R. 1

A BLUNDER by Tranmere goalkeeper George Payne nine minutes before the interval gave the Rangers a victory they scarcely deserved.

While Tranmere inside-left Jimmy Mulkerrin was off the field for a few minutes following a clash with Drinkwater, a loose ball came out to Rangers right-half Mike Keen.

Payne only half stopped his soft shot and the ball bounced over his shoulder just over the line. It was a tragedy for Payne who otherwise had a splendid game.

Tranmere fought back in the second half but, aided by luck and fine goalkeeping by Ray Drinkwater, the Rangers held out.

Drinkwater played in the second half with his head heavily bandaged having had stitches inserted in a head wound received early in the game.

Peter Farrell, Tranmere's player-manager, was the man of the match.

Tranmere scored after six minutes with a splendid goal from outside right Ken Finney.

Rangers equalised after 31 minutes when little Jimmy Andrews pushed a centre from Kerrins low into the corner of the net.

Rangers' manager, honest Alec Stock, said after the game: "It was a case of one team playing most of the football and the other side grabbing the goals."

Heckman penalty saves a point

Millwall 3, Barrow 3: by JOHN COOKE

REFEREE Ron Warnke and Barrow skipper, ex-England back Ron Staniforth, joined forces to stop this match from getting right out of hand. Staniforth did a fine job calming down his angry players; Warnke by having a quiet word with the captains.

The referee also "booked" Barrow inside-left Murdoch, who was in the thick of the trouble that started in the 54th minute when Hardwick, Barrow's 'keeper, was knocked unconscious in a collision with Ray Brand.

Brand pounced on the ball as it ran loose to make it 2—2. Tempers were fanned when Millwall 'keeper Davies was bowled over.

Things got so bad that it looked as though someone would be sent off. Then the referee and Staniforth got to work.

Even then, Millwall's point-saver from a penalty in the 68th minute raised another storm.

The referee had no hesitation in giving a spot kick as Marsden nudged Pierce near the edge of the area.

After fierce protests from the whole Barrow team, he consulted a linesman . . . but the decision stood, and Heckman stabbed the ball home.

Bumpstead hurt

Millwall had moved into a 25th-minute lead with a Pierce goal. Two minutes later Barrow were level. Davies pulled Kemp down, and Bannan scored from the penalty.

Millwall lost Bumpstead after 31 minutes—he was absent half an hour having a gashed eye stitched—and then Barrow "missed" a second penalty. Jackson appeared to haul Kemp down again—but there was no whistle.

Barrow took the lead in the 44th minute, Murdoch clipping home a brilliant Bannan header. In the 54th minute, Brand equalised to start all the trouble, and in the midst of it Bannan slipped Barrow into the lead once again.

PALACE SHATTER THAT HOODOO

Chester 0, Crystal Palace 1

SKIPPER Johnny McNichol, brilliant in defence and attack, led Palace to a great win that robbed Chester of an unbeaten home record they have held since October 14.

It was also Palace's first victory against Chester in four meetings.

Backing up left-half McNichol was a great display by centre-half Glyn Evans, who easily held Chester's leader, Kelly.

In attack Palace were well served by their inside pair Alan Woan and Johnny Byrne. Woan got the only goal, in 12 minutes, at a time when there looked no danger to the home goal.

Palace made a smart breakaway—a feature of their game—and when the ball came across from outside-left Billy Rees, centre-forward Dave Sexton touched it on to Woan.

With his back to the goal, Woan deceived goalkeeper Howells with a smart, back-heeled shot.

Guildford City 1 Merthyr 2

GUILDFORD paid the penalty for using short-passing tactics [illegible] unsuited to the muddy conditions. They had many chances but missed them all, while Merthyr made the most of their two openings.

Guildford dominated the first half but could not get past goalkeeper James.

Merthyr had a better share of things after the break, and got two [illegible] goals, the first after 55 minutes when goalkeeper Abbott failed to gather a low [illegible] and [illegible] scored, and the second [illegible] minutes later [illegible] Abbott with [illegible] from the wing.

[illegible] Dunning two minutes from time.

Watford pipped in thriller

Notts Co. 2, Watford 1

WATFORD, two goals down at half-time, fought back in great style in their thriller with Notts County yesterday, but they failed to save a point (writes **SYDNEY SPICER**).

You could say Notts got home by the width of a crossbar—when as Watford battled away and time was running out Freddie Bunce's shot, with George Smith beaten, skimmed into the crowd off the woodwork.

Watford were unlucky, again, when a County defender deflected Cliff Holton's goal-bound shot and the ball rolled inches wide of a post.

But while victory went to Notts the honours were equally divided between two teams who kept going at a cracking pace without a single petty foul in the whole 90 thrilling minutes.

County took the lead when a quick through-ball by Chris Joyce caught two defenders by surprise and Peter Burcumshaw ran through to shoot past Linton.

There was a brilliant save at the other end by Smith from a Holton thunderbolt, but while Notts were using the through ball menacingly Watford, for all their smart mid-field work, persisted in making one short pass too many.

That was certainly the case when Sammy Chung, breaking up a County attack, had his pass intercepted by Joyce, who at once slipped the ball out to Don Roby. The winger's hard, low cross was missed by Jimmy Linton—his one error against his old club—and as the ball rolled tantalisingly along the line Bob Forrest dashed in to put his side two up.

After 50 minutes Holton broke through to slam the ball just inside a post as the backs closed in, and it was anybody's game, with play first at one end and then at the other, though Watford now had a definite edge.

Watford opened out the game [illegible] but the point-saver [illegible] them in the end.

RUGBY SPECIAL
JOHN REED reports the England v Ireland match on PAGE 23

SOUTHEND ARE RUGGED LOT

Shrewsbury 1, Southend 3

SOUTHEND well deserved this win, if only for their rugged defence and the way veteran Sam McCrory marshalled his forwards. McCrory, centre-forward Bud Houghton, and left-half Alan Dicks were the strong men of an attack which, with a shade of luck, managed to turn good approach play into goals.

Southend's first scoring shot, an innocent-looking lob from Houghton after 15 minutes, was a surprise.

No. 2 was a tragedy for Shrewsbury's fine centre half Dave Pountney. United right-winger Alec Stenhouse's shot might or might not have gone into the net. But as Pountney spun round in an effort to cut it out, he deflected the ball past his own goalkeeper.

No. 3, just on the interval after Malcolm Starkey had scored for Town, followed a scrimmage on the goal line. It appeared that Houghton slipped the ball to McCrory, who popped it over.

In the second half Shrewsbury tried time and again to pierce the determined Southend defence. United left back Sandy Anderson kept popping up in unexpected places to snap up balls the slow Shrewsbury forwards should have had.

Harry Threadgold made brilliant saves from Starkey, Rowley and Whitaker, and Edgley and Walters missed scoring by a hairsbreadth.

Emery fails to turn up

Denis Emery, Peterborough United's inside-forward star, who has asked for a transfer after being dropped for two games, maintained his "I won't play attitude" yesterday. He did not turn up for the Midland League game against Gainsborough Trinity for which he had been picked.

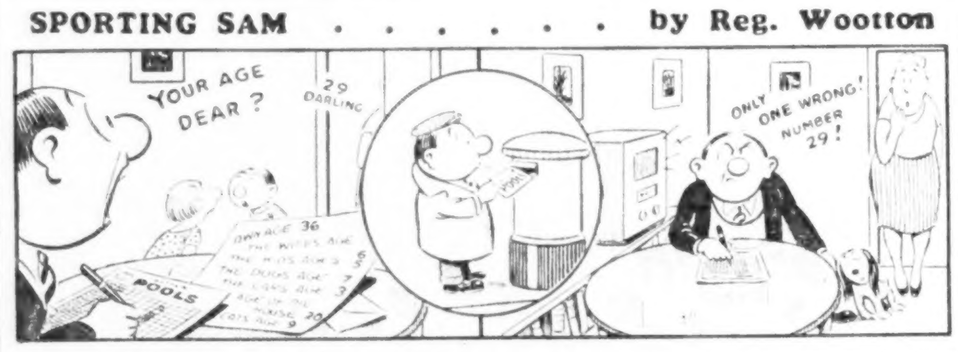
Emery, Peterborough's top scorer this season with 32 goals, left his club flat yesterday and returned home to the Bedfordshire village of Eynesbury.

Manager Jimmy Hagan said before yesterday's match: "If Emery does not turn up he will be suspended."

BILLIARDS

English Amateur Championship (at Burroughes Hall): First Rd: J. Karnehm (London) bt J. H. Lunn (Leeds) 1,000—[illegible].

SPORTING SAM . . . . . . by Reg. Wootton



REST OF THE DAY'S SPORT

ASSOCIATION

Arthur Dunn Cup. Second Rd replay: [illegible] Foresters [illegible].

A.F.A. Senior Cup. Fourth Rd: Carshalton 1 Barclays Bk 2—London Univ 1 Broomfield 0—Winchmore Hill 3 Lloyds Bk 1.

Dulwich Amateur League.—Brettell 7 Grove 2—Cambridge U.M. 2 Dulwich H.O.B. 1—Sparks 4 Tilings 1—LESSA (Boro) 4 Bridge 3—LESSA (S.U.) 0 Oldfields 15.

Eastern Counties League. [illegible] Chelmsford Res 2—Cambridge U Res 1 Spalding 2—Gorleston 0 Tottenham A 2—Biggleswade 1 Peterborough Res 1—Eynesbury 1 Lowestoft 3—March 4 Cambridge C Res 1—Stowmarket 2 King's Lynn Res 0.

League Cup: Harwich 2 Bury T 1—Yarmouth 9 Romford Res 2.

Hellenic League. Prem Div: Amersham T 0 Witney T 2—Pressed Steel 3 Kidlington 4—Wallingford T 3 Luton T Colts 4. **Benevolent Cup: First Rd:** Hanwell 2 Henley T 1—Hazells 5 Princes Risborough 2. **Div I:** Stanwell 2 Ruislip 0.

Kent County Amateur League (Western Sec). Senior Div: [illegible]

Middlesex Senior Cup.—First Rd: Finchley 5 Wembley 5. **Second Rd:** Uxbridge 4 Harrow 2—Willesden 4 Crown and Manor 1.

Nemean League. [illegible]

Parthenon League. [illegible]

Old Boys League. [illegible]

S.E. London Amateur League. [illegible]

Other Matches.—Harlow 1 Ulysses 3—RNC Greenwich 5 RNEC Manadon 2—Westminster Bk 2 Nat Prov Bank 1.

Northern Suburban Intermediate League.—Prem Div: Brimsdown R 1 Oak Hill R 6—Byng Road OB 2 Highfield (Edm) 2—Chase [illegible] Wormley R 0—Enfield A 0 Edmonton Gr Hosp 3—The Three B's 5 Southgate Estate 1.

Southend Borough Comb.—Prem: [illegible]

Southern Amateur League.—Div I: Polytechnic 1 Norsemen 1—Westminster Citizens 1 Stationers 0—Brentham 1 Alexandra Pk 4. **Div II:** Merton 2 Borough Poly 2—Lensbury 1 Southgate Olympic 3—Midland Bk 4 Catford Wand 1—O Parkonians 1 C S 2. **Div III:** Alleyn O.B. 3 Latymerians 1—Kew Assoc 1 Bk of England 4—Ealing Assoc 2 Crouch End Vampires 4—Lyonians 4 Reigate Priory 1.

South-West District League. [illegible]

South-West Essex League. [illegible]

Southern Olympian League. [illegible]

South London Alliance. [illegible]

South Essex League. [illegible]

Surrey County Senior League. [illegible]

Surrey Intermediate League (East).—Prem Div: Beddington Corner 3 Limpsfield Blues 1—Croydon 1 Frinton R 7—Monotype 4 Cassac 3—Norbury 2 Merstham 0—Sutton Cors 11 Oxted 2—Warlingham 2 Reigate 5. **Cup, Semi-final:** Tooting and M A 2 Horley 6. **First Div:** Cassac Res 2 Beddington Corner Res 13—Croydon Res 1 Sutton Cor Res 12—Merstham Res 1 Croydon O.B.s 4. **Cup, Semi-final:** Reigate Res 1 Wandsworth [illegible]. **(Central) Prem Div:** [illegible]

CROSS COUNTRY

Southern Senior 9 Miles Championship (at Parliament Hill Fields).—J. Merriman (Watford), 48m 55s, 1; B. Tinlon (Portsmouth), 49-40, 2; S. Eldon (Windsor and E), 49-41, 3. **Teams:** Thames Valley, 150 pts; South London H, 212; Woodford Green, 310.

LACROSSE

South of England League. Div I: Kenton 2 Purley 4. **Div II:** Chislehurst and Sidcup Sec 2 Henry Thornton School 10.

Women's Matches. South 6 Midlands 2—North 3 West 10.

Other Matches. [illegible]

ROAD WALKING

London County 10 Miles Championship (at Battersea Park).—S. Vickers (Belgrave), 1h 13m 14s, 1; E. Hall (Belgrave), 1-15-13, 2; R. Clark (Poly), 1-16-33, 3. **Teams:** Belgrave 16 pts; Highgate [illegible]; Polytechnic, 43.

GREYHOUNDS

WHITE CITY.—Hurdle Stakes (525 yds): [illegible]

Willesden Stakes (550 yds). **Div One:** [illegible] **Div Two:** [illegible] **Finish River** [illegible]

STAMFORD BRIDGE.—Second T.V. Trial Marathon [illegible] **Fay Red II** [illegible] **Tote:** 5/3, 2/9, 3/- F 14/8.

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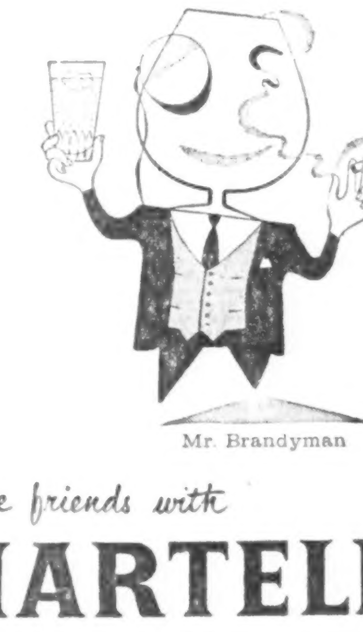

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